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It's back to normal

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In two weeks, the inhabited islands of the CNMI have managed to dodge two typhoons and emerge relatively unscathed, with the latest being Typhoon Bualoi, which tracked north of Saipan early Tuesday morning and passed Anatahan as it drifted northwest, mostly resulting in just damp weather on Saipan and Tinian.

Shortly after the "All Clear" was declared for Saipan and Tinian at 11:30am yesterday, acting governor Arnold I. Palacios announced that government offices on Saipan and Tinian will reopen today, as well as the resumption Public School System and Northern Marianas College classes.

As of 5:30pm yesterday, the Northern Islands of Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan remain under Tropical Storm

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No damage at airports, seaports

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The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and Tinian International Airport sustained zero damage, while seaports on both islands emerged un-

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scathed yesterday, as Typhoon Bualoi continued to move away from the CNMI.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher Tenorio gave this assurance after making the assessment at the islands' airports and seaports

yesterday morning.

Saipan Tribune learned that, as early as 8:30am, there was already an outbound flight at the Saipan airport.

Meanwhile, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary P. Camacho said yesterday that no power pole was damaged or toppled on Saipan and Tinian.

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Yutu OT payments complete this week

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All overtimes incurred as the CNMI recovered from the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu in late October 2018 would be paid by the end of the week, according to Fi-

nance Secretary David Atalig.

Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that his office distributed last Friday the last batch of Yutu overtime payments, which amounted to a total of \$2.1 million.

However, Atalig noted that there are several government

employees who have yet to be paid for overtime during the Super Typhoon Yutu recovery, and that is because his office had to hold back their checks due to discrepancies between his office's records and the Public Assistance Of-

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Tornado slams Dallas; 4 killed in Arkansas, Oklahoma

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DALLAS (AP)—A tornado tossed trees into homes, tore off storefronts and downed power lines but

killed no one in a densely populated area of Dallas, leaving Mayor Eric Johnson to declare the city "very fortunate" to be assessing only property damage.

A meteorologist said Mon-

day that people took shelter thanks to early alerts, and that it was fortunate the tornado struck Sunday evening, when many people were home.

"Anytime you have a tornado in a major metropolitan area, the potential for large

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Local

3 of 4 claims in discrimination suit vs IPI dismissed

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The federal court has granted Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's motion to dismiss three of four claims in a race discrimination lawsuit filed against IPI by a former employee.

In an order on Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted IPI's motion to

dismiss Joshua Gray's claims for wrongful termination in violation of public policy (immigration violations), wrongful failure to hire, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Manglona dismissed without prejudice Gray's claim for wrongful termination in violation of public policy and his claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress. That means Gray can re-file the two claims. Gray, who is Afri-

can American, was given until Nov. 1, 2019, to file a second amended complaint.

Manglona dismissed with prejudice his claim for wrongful failure to hire. Dismissal with prejudice means Gray can no longer re-file this claim.

Manglona denied IPI's motion to dismiss Gray's claim of race discrimination for wrongful termination.

As for Gray's claim of wrongful termination in violation of

public policy, the judge said that stating such a claim requires the public policy to be grounded in a statute or another source.

Manglona agreed with IPI that vague references to immigration laws and public policy are insufficient to put them on notice of the claim. However, because it appears that Gray can identify the source or sources of public policy, Manglona allowed Gray to file a second amended complaint.

On the claim for wrongful failure to hire, the judge noted that Gray's counsel conceded at the hearing that both wrongful failure to hire claims are time-barred.

Because amending the claim would be futile, Manglona said that Gray's request to amend his complaint to re-assert the failure to hire claim from March 2017 is denied.

Pertaining to the claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress, Manglona said Gray alleges that he "has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress."

While sparse, these allegations are sufficient to survive a motion to dismiss, Manglona said.

However, the judge said, because Gray has not alleged outrageous conduct to satisfy the first element, he has failed to state such claim.

Manglona said Gray has not alleged that he was subjected to racial harassment. Therefore, Manglona said, Gray has not alleged sufficient facts to

take his claim outside of the normal course of employment.

Manglona allows Gray to file an amended complaint, but on the condition that he may only replead the intentional infliction of emotional distress claim if he can allege specific facts showing how the racial discrimination he experienced was outside the normal course of employment.

On the claim for race discrimination for wrongful termination, Manglona finds that Gray has alleged sufficient facts to state such claim based on all the events that led to his job termination on Jan. 24, 2019.

William Fitzgerald is counsel for Gray. Kelley Butcher is counsel for IPI.

According to the complaint, Gray was allegedly informed in March and April 2018, that his job responsibilities would be changed to assist with a

"floating hotel."

Gray complained to IPI's legal counsel that this assignment was a demotion, but the counsel allegedly ignored his complaint.

In January 2019, a senior executive of IPI allegedly told Gray that he has been instructed to fire Gray, but he (the senior executive) refused to do so.

The owner of IPI allegedly informed this senior executive that he wanted Gray fired and that a Chinese woman, Lucy Guo, a non-U.S. citizen, would handle, the hotel operations.

Fitzgerald said IPI terminated Gray's employment on Jan. 24, 2019, without reason or justification.

Fitzgerald said as a result of IPI's discrimination on the basis of Gray being an African American and a U.S. citizen, plaintiff has been denied an employment opportunity and substantial compensation and benefits.

IPI has denied the allegations.

High surf still dangerous

Although Typhoon Bualoi continues to move away from the Marianas, a high surf advisory remains in effect on Tinian and Saipan until 6am today, Wednesday.

Based on the latest information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, decreasing swells have allowed surf to fall below hazardous levels on Guam and Rota, but will be slower to fall on Tin-

ian and Saipan. There was still a high risk of rip currents last night along north and west facing reef, but hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet were expected to fall to below hazardous levels by early Wednesday morning.

Just to be on the safe side, the public is being advised not to venture out along north and west facing reefs and beaches. Breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents will be life threatening. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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Widow, daughter ask court to declare man a vexatious litigant

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A widow and her daughter are asking the Superior Court to declare John Sablan Pangelinan a vexatious litigant, just as the U.S. District Court for the NMI and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

have already done.

Secundina Untalan Pangelinan and her daughter, Selina Marie Pangelinan, though their counsel, Janet H. King, said that John Pangelinan filed 11 motions to reconsider a previous court ruling, yet John Pangelinan does not present any new evidence, changes

to law, or any need to correct any clear error or prevent any manifest injustice.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is set to hear the 11 motions on Dec. 2, 2019.

A vexatious litigant is someone who uses the judiciary system solely to harass or subdue an opponent, such as filing frivolous lawsuit or repetitive motions that have no merit.

Secundina and Selina Pangelinan are suing John Pangelinan for allegedly abusing the legal system to extort money from them by interfering with a probate matter, although he is not a creditor.

John Pangelinan then filed a libel counterclaim, alleging that the lawsuit filed by Secundina and Selina Pangelinan slanders and maliciously badmouths him.

In April 2018, Camacho dismissed John Pangelinan's libel counterclaim against Secundina and Selina Pangelinan.

Camacho ruled that statements made by an attorney during the course of a case, including "all pleadings and affidavits necessary to set the judicial machinery in motion," are absolutely privileged.

In the same order, Camacho dismissed John Pangelinan's counterclaims for quiet title and abuse of process.

John Pangelinan then filed 11 motions for the court to reconsider the previous ruling.

In Secundina and Selina's opposition to the 11 motions filed last week, King said that, although each motion is styled slightly different, they all ask the court to reconsider issues that have already been thoroughly litigated and decided, once again wasting the court's time, taxpayer dollars, and the time and money of opposing counsel.

"Because these motions raise no new issues of law or fact, they should be denied," King said.

The lawyer said the 11 motions are emblematic of John Pangelinan's vexatious litigation tactics and illustrate why Secundina and Selina Pangelinan were forced to file the lawsuit against him.

King said Secundina and Selina Pangelinan filed the lawsuit after John Pangelinan repeatedly abused the justice system during the probate proceedings of the estate of Secundina Pangelinan's husband and Selina Pangelinan's father.

King said that, in that lawsuit, John Pangelinan filed over two dozen frivolous motions, declarations, objections, petitions and claims in the probate proceeding—all of which were denied by the Superior Court—in an effort to force the plaintiffs to

pay him money to which he was clearly not entitled.

King said his 11 motions for reconsideration make it apparent that he is continuing to litigate this lawsuit in much the same manner as he did the probate action—by filing multiple frivolous motions that waste judicial resources and cause plaintiffs to incur unnecessary legal fees in the preparation of responses.

King said that, as the U.S. Supreme Court had noted, "pro se litigants have a greater capacity than most to disrupt the fair allocation of judicial resources because they are often not subject to financial considerations...that deter other litigants from filing frivolous petitions."

In this case, King said, John Pangelinan's numerous and frivolous filings have once again wasted everyone's time.

King said although John Pangelinan alleges in each filing that he has suffered "manifest injustice," he offers no support for this assertion other than

his simple disagreement with how the court ruled originally.

King said John Pangelinan spends over 100 pages setting forth the same arguments that have already been heard and decided and then arguing that this court's decision were manifestly unjust because they were not decided in his favor.

"In courts of law, litigants are not entitled to unlimited bites of the proverbial apple," the lawyer said.

In June 2008, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood declared John Pangelinan a vexatious litigant and prohibited him from filing any lawsuit or documents in federal court related to a 1997 civil lawsuit filed against him.

Torres out on personal leave

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is off-island on personal leave, according to acting governor Arnold I. Palacios.

In a short interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Torres, according to Palacios, went on personal leave right after attending meetings that were pre-scheduled for months in advance with raking U.S. military personnel. Torres is expected to be back at his office by the weekend.

"The governor is in personal leave and he is in the U.S. mainland and should be back this weekend," Palacios said, without elaborating.

Torres just finished attending meetings in Hawaii at the invitation of the U.S. Department of Defense's U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

That led to Palacios taking

over the helm of the government, as the CNMI prepared for back-to-back typhoons that whipped past the Marianas these past two weeks.

According to a previous statement from the Office of the Press Secretary, Torres was still coordinating matters with Palacios behind the scenes, including speaking directly to key staff such as Federal Emergency Management Agency acting administrator Pete Gaynor in Washington, D.C. for response efforts in the CNMI during Super Typhoon Hagibis.

Torres also assisted Palacios with getting a federal emergency declaration for Super Typhoon Hagibis.

According to Torres' social media page, he also assisted with the emergency declaration request for Typhoon Bualoi, which was approved shortly after submitting the request Monday afternoon.

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loss of life is always there,” said Patrick Marsh, the warning coordination meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. “We were very fortunate that the tornado did not hit the Dallas Cowboys’ stadium or the State Fair, where you would have had a lot of people that were exposed.”

The tornado crossed over two major interstates. “If that happened at rush hour, I think we’d be talking about a different story,” he said.

The National Weather Service said the tornado that ripped through north Dallas was an EF3, which has a maximum wind speed of 140 mph (225 kph). The agency said another tornado in the suburb of Rowlett was EF1, with maximum wind speeds of 100 mph (160 kph).

The late-night storms spawned tornadoes in several states, killing at least four people in Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Storm Prediction Center said severe thunderstorms could continue through Monday night along the Gulf Coast from southeastern Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, with damaging winds and a couple of tornadoes possible.

In one Dallas neighborhood, Dustin and Lauren Collins said they felt lucky as they cleared debris from the yard of their largely intact home.

“When other people’s



homes are in your front yard, you just realize—just the magnitude of the storm,” said Lauren Collins, 36.

Dustin Collins, 37, said he gathered his family together after receiving the tornado alert. They climbed into the bathtub and pulled a mattress over top, huddling there with their 8-month-old son.

“We just sat in the bathtub and sang songs, trying to keep everyone calm,” Lauren Collins said.

At a nearby shopping center, the fronts and roofs of stores were ripped away. Ruptured pipes were still spewing water Monday morning, drenching the piles of mangled drywall,

insulation and steel framing inside the brick building.

Nearby, Georges Benamou said he was in his bedroom when a tree branch fell through the flat roof of his single-story home and into the living room.

“I heard some crack, crack, crack, and then I heard some trees falling on top of the roof,” he said.

Brent Huddleston, 43, said he sheltered with his 9- and 11-year-old children in a closet as the house shook around them. They later found parts of street and shopping center signs that had been blown into their yard.

“It hit really fast,” he said.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokes-

man Jason Evans said no firefighters were hurt when the storm made the roof of Station 41 collapse.

The tornado that caused widespread damage in north Dallas passed closed to the home of former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush but caused no damage. Bush spokesman Freddy Ford said in a statement that “the Bushes are safe and praying for their neighbors around DFW who weren’t as fortunate.”

Tornadoes are not common in October, and cities are rarely hit because they don’t have a big footprint in the tornado belt, according to tor-

nado scientist Harold Brooks of the National Severe Storms Laboratory.

It’s like “randomly throwing darts,” Brooks said.

A study by Brooks last year found that only one-third of the most violent tornadoes hit communities of more than 5,000 people.

The storm system disrupted flights in the Dallas area, northwestern Arkansas and at Memphis International Airport in Tennessee, where windows were broken.

One person died when a tree fell on a home in Rogers, Arkansas, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northwest of Little Rock, according to the Benton County Department of Public Safety. In northeastern Arkansas, an EF1 tornado injured at least five people in Tyronza.

Authorities said severe thunderstorms were responsible for the deaths of at least three people in eastern Oklahoma.

Bicyclists ride past a house damaged by a tornado in the Preston Hollow section of Dallas, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

AP

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Brooke Arbeitman said two teenage boys died of carbon monoxide poisoning late Sunday in Weleetka, about 80 miles (130 kilometers) east of Oklahoma City. She said the 14- and 15-year-old boys were using a portable gas generator in a travel trailer after the storms knocked out power. The father of the younger boy discovered their bodies Monday morning.

Another person died late Sunday night when a tree blew onto a mobile home near Valliant, about 170 miles (275 kilometers) southeast of Oklahoma City, emergency management officials said.

In Tennessee, the storm downed several large trees in Memphis, blocking roads in residential neighborhoods. The federal weather agency confirmed an EF1 tornado was on the ground for about two minutes early Monday morning. An apartment complex and car dealerships and other businesses suffered damage, but no injuries or deaths were reported.

AIRPORTS

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI opened yesterday at 1pm, while the CNMI Supreme Court and Superior Court on Saipan and Tinian remained closed.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja ordered regular business hours yesterday at the Superior Court on Rota.

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Condition 2, with Typhoon Bualoi spotted 90 miles west of Pagan, 100 miles west-southwest of Agrihan, and 100 miles west-northwest of Alamagan.

The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, lifted the typhoon warning for Saipan and Tinian around 8:20am yesterday as Typhoon Bualoi continued its northwest trek away.

Bualoi passed just north of Anatahan between 5am and 5:30am yesterday morning and that allowed the strongest and typhoon-force winds to keep north and offshore of Saipan as it passed.

Based on information received from the NWS and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, maximum sustained winds have increased to 140 miles per hour, with the possibility that Bualoi would intensify further yesterday evening before reaching peak intensity last night or today.

This comes just a week after Super Typhoon Hagibis also

whipped through the northern part of the CNMI Tuesday last week, before causing havoc in Japan with at least 70 people dead and 12 others missing. Japan’s Kyodo News agency, citing its own tally, put the death toll at 81. Nagano in central Japan and Fukushima and Miyagi in the north were among the hardest-hit areas.

PSS and NMC open classes today

PSS and NMC classes and offices will have regular hours today.

Classes at Mount Carmel School and Grace Christian Academy will also resume classes today, while Saipan International School and Saipan Community School each had late start of classes yesterday and will be back to normal hours today.

Airport back to normal hours, seaports remain closed

The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and Tinian International Airport resumed normal operations at 8am yesterday.

Airlines have maintained

their delayed flight times while inter-island commute resumed yesterday. All seaports remain closed, and port operations remain shut down.

CHCC opens outpatient services

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp.’s Outpatient Clinic, Outpatient Pharmacy, Dialysis Unit, Chemotherapy Unit, Physical Therapy, and Tinian Health Center were open by 12pm yesterday. The Rota Health Center had regular hours yesterday. All administrative offices remained closed yesterday.

All dialysis patients were contacted by hemodialysis staff to reschedule treatment.

Tents

Teams from the Saipan Mayor’s Office, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and the Department of Corrections were sent yesterday to help residents erect their tents. First responders assisted residents in transitioning back into their homes.

The Aging Center was used for residents and families awaiting their tents to be erected.

Power and water back to normal

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. announced that all feeders remain online and are running normal, and no incidents were reported through the storms. All tank service areas are back online as of 10:33am yesterday and as water pressure begins to build, residents will receive water. CUC Tinian and CUC Rota operations are running normal.

All shelters closed

As of 2:30pm yesterday, PSS and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs announced that all nine emergency evacuation shelters have been closed. A total of 372 individuals comprising 72 families resided in the shelters.

Banks reopen

Bank of Guam announced yesterday that its Saipan and Tinian branches reopened yesterday at 11am and will be back to normal business hours today. Bank of Hawaii was also open at 10am yesterday and will resume normal business hours today.

YUTU

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fice records, or the office that compiled the requests for reimbursements of overtime payments during Super Typhoon Yutu.

“We printed about \$2.1 million in overtime payments. I released more than half on Friday, and I’ll release the rest this week. I held off on some because the Public Assistance Office told me we had overpayments, so we needed to reconcile those,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The problem, according to Atalig, was that the Public Assistance Office, or PAO, has not received all of the overtime sheets for reimbursements, effectively making it seem as if some people are being overpaid for their overtime.

“[The PAO] compared [the requests for reimbursements] to what we paid out, and there are...a lot of people in their records that they did not receive their time sheets [for reimbursement], so it looks like an overpayment,” he said.

“Those that were identified as overpayment, I held those checks just so that I can get a final review this week, and then I would be releasing those by the end of the week,” he said.

According to Atalig, the total amount of overtime costs for Super Typhoon Yutu recovery amounted to \$13 million. His office released in early October 2019 about \$1.5 million, while over half of the remaining \$2.1 million was released last week and the remaining \$9.4 million had already been distributed.

824 participate in Census job fair

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A total of 824 CNMI residents participated in the three-day 2020 Census job fair, according to the Census manager Claudio "Clyde" Norita.

The job applicants competed for about 560 available full-time and part-time positions for the upcoming decennial 2020 Census.

The job fair on Oct. 11, 2019, and Oct. 12, 2019, attracted about 300 and 474 participants, respectively, while the job fair last Oct. 19, 2019, attracted about 350 participants.

"This number is positive for our recruitment efforts as we need over 300-plus just for part-time census employees," Norita told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview. He further noted

that the job fair, which was held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, was a convenient one-stop shop for the applicants.

The applicants were required to submit several documents and the job fair got together all the agencies where they are required to obtain a document under one roof.

Although the job fairs are now over, Norita noted that

interested applicants may still apply for job positions, though not with as much convenience as the job fair.

"People can still apply but the process will be tedious, with getting documents notarized, scheduling the assessment test with the U.S. Census, which requires advance scheduling, and then [an] interview that is also on an advance scheduling," he said.

"It was the main reason we had the job fair, for convenience," he added.

The job fair, according to a previous interview with Norita, was held to fill up to 60 full-time jobs and up to 500 part-time job positions. Noting that the employment period would only be valid temporarily, or until the end of the 2020 Census, Norita's office only hired 12 members as part of the skeleton crew.

"We have not done yet the bulk of the hiring," he previ-

ously said. "We have started to sort out applications. ...After that, we will have to [compile them]." An automated response will be sent to applicants after a federal background check.

Starting in early spring 2020, Census staff will be sent out to collect demographic information from residents of the CNMI, including social, economic, and housing characteristics of each resident.

The data collection phase would end in summer 2020.

MCS' Class of 1990 team wins inaugural grill-off

Mount Carmel School alumni pose for a picture shortly after the first-ever MCS Grill Off awarding last Saturday at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

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A team representing Mount Carmel School's Class of 1990 took home top honors last Saturday at the first-ever Grill Off competition held by the AlumKnight Association at the Philcom Pavilion in Susupe, across the Guma Hustitia.

The team "Happy Grill More," composed of MCS

alumni John Blanco, Mark Flores, and Joe Torres, captured first place with their grilled pork ribs, red rice, and macaroni salad. The trio took home a chopping board that recognizes them as the winners of the Grill Off, plus a gift bag.

The team "Smoke's on You," composed of Class of 2006 members Lee Tenorio, Cil Camacho, Queanna Sablan, and Naomi Tagabuel,

took second place in the competition, while the team "Holy Smoke," composed of Class of 1990 alumni Donna Flores, Becky Sablan, Lynette Villagomez, and Nerissa Benavente, took third. The two placers received a gift bag, courtesy of Pacifica Insurance Underwriter, Inc., and a decorated cooking spoon.

"Slab by Silly!" consisting of Class of 2013 alumni Victo-

ria Deleon Guerrero, Michelle Masga, John Saludez, and Ken Taguchi finished fourth and received a gift bag.

A total of four teams participated in the Grill Off.

This year's selected meat for the competition was pork ribs. Teams were judged based on the meat's appearance, taste, texture, moisture, tenderness, aroma, creativity, and overall impression on a 5-point scale

for each category.

"This competition was a great way of bringing our alumni together and promoting the school and its alumni association," Blanco said.

Although this was a first-ever event, the possibility of making more like this could happen in the future, said MCS AlumKnights Association vice president Dr. Yvonne Pangelinan.

She said they came up with the idea of a grilling competition to avoid a fundraising event, as they understand that families are still recovering from the previous typhoons and that finances are tight at the moment. "Time is precious and family is precious. Removing that financial barrier to bring people together was really important for us," Pangelinan said.

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Guam clergy sex abuse survivors may receive payments in 2020

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam's clergy sex abuse survivors could begin receiving compensation from the Catholic Archdiocese of Agaña in the first half of 2020, officials said.

A federal judge has given the archdiocese more time to calculate payment amounts to nearly 280 clergy sex abuse survivors and other

claimants, The Pacific Daily News reported.

The archdiocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January 2019 following clergy sex abuse claims totaling more than \$1 billion. The archdiocese listed nearly \$23 million in assets and \$45.6 million in liabilities at the time of the bankruptcy filing.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood granted an archdiocese request for a second extension of a deadline to file a reorganization plan and disclosure statement to Jan. 16, 2020.

Victims and church officials are scheduled to go into mediation beginning Oct. 30, with a church reorganization plan to follow, officials said.

The archdiocese hopes the mediation "will be successful and a plan of reorganization will be created which will reflect the settlement and the parties' intent going forward," church officials said in a statement.

The committee representing abuse survivors and other claimants did not object to the extended deadline. If me-

diation fails, the abuse lawsuits could go to trial.

More time is needed to deal with the "moderately complex and large case," church attorneys said.

The judge gave the archdiocese until March 16 to obtain the approval of its repayment plan from the committee representing survivors.

The plan includes the archdiocese's offers for restitution to abuse survivors and other claimants, while allowing continuous operations of all Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, and other programs.

Guam lifted its statute of limitations for child sexual abuses in 2016, paving the way for claims to be filed.

MVA noncommittal on \$10K to sponsor Kapena concert

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors has expressed support but does not want to commit \$10,000 to sponsor a concert on Saipan by Kapena, which is considered one of Hawaii's premier island bands.

"No action. We're just not taking any action," said MVA board chair Marian

Aldan-Pierce during a board meeting last week.

Aldan-Pierce said the band is very popular but it's not part of MVA's mandate to stage concerts for residents.

Aldan-Pierce said this concert was kind of a surprise for her because she didn't see any board approval on this, yet she is seeing it on social media that it is an MVA-sponsored event and that people are talking about it.

Posters show it's an MVA event for Winter Island Music Festival featuring Kapena that will be held on Saipan on Dec. 29, 2019.

"I don't know how it got to that point because I missed several board meetings so I don't know if the board has approved this," Aldan-Pierce said.

Some board members agreed that they never talked about the event.

Aldan-Pierce raised the issue after seeing the matter on Facebook.

Acting MVA managing director Judy C. Torres explained that MVA was approached by the Super Typhoon Network from Hawaii for sponsorship money in the amount of \$10,000. In exchange for the MVA donation, Super Typhoon Network will lower the admission tickets from \$40 to \$25 and it's going

to be free admission for children under 12 years old.

Torres said 30 general admission tickets will be given to each music class at all public middle schools and high schools.

She said there will be 100 general admission tickets for MVA for promotional use, one general admission ticket to all MVA staff, and one vendor's space for MVA for promotional use.

Torres said "MVA presents" will be written in all promotional fliers.

Torres said if the event is cancelled, the promoter will refund MVA's money within

60 days of the original performance date.

MVA board vice chair Gloria Cavanagh said her question is why would the MVA be involved in this concert. It will be great for the local community, Cavanagh said, but not as far as promotion for MVA's target market.

Aldan-Pierce said she believes that the board should not make any commitment and the board directors can buy their own tickets.

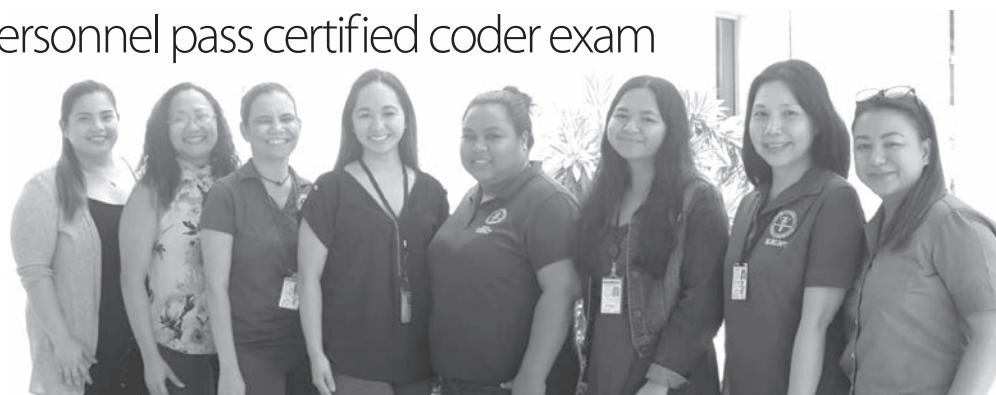
Cavanagh said MVA can perhaps sponsor such concert in the future when its financial situation improves.

7 CHCC coding personnel pass certified coder exam

Seven medical coding personnel from the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. recently passed their national coding certification exam.

Rose Gibbons, Renaesha Cepeda, Katelynn Duenas, Abelyn Taman, Lizelle Fera, and Marissa Quichocho took the exam last month. Amy Tadios passed the CPC exam late last year.

A Certified Professional Coder certification represents excellence in medical coding, and being a CPC means that these personnel have expertise in reviewing and assigning accurate



From left, Lizelle Fera, Marissa Takai, Rose Gibbons, Katelynn Duenas, Abelyn Taman, Renaesha Cepeda, Amy Tadios, and Marissa Quichocho. CHCC

medical codes for diagnoses, procedures, and services performed by physicians and other qualified healthcare providers. CHCC said in a statement that it remains

committed to improving the patient experience at all levels, including billing.

"Ensuring that the corporation's coders are nationally certified is an important step

in increasing the efficiency and the accuracy of CHCC medical coding and billing personnel, and improving the CHCC as a whole," it added. (Marc A. Venus)

Resiliency Fest to celebrate CNMI's strength

By **IVA MAURIN**
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REPORTER

The Resiliency Fest is happening this Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Marianas Business Plaza, in a celebration of the strength and resilience of the CNMI a year after Super Typhoon Yutu and two weeks after Super Typhoon Hagibis. Admission is free.

Organized by the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, the festival, which will be from 5pm to 10pm, will feature The John Dank Show and local art-

ists like Studio 29:11, Saipan Music & Dance Studio, Goddhy, Dagu Diggers, and Big Jay Selepeo.

"It is a celebration of our strength and how resilient our people are," first lady Diann Torres said. "We want to say, look, we have come this far. Some people are still recovering, some people are still in tents, but we are here. Our life, our spirit is still alive."

There will also be a distribution of relief goods. Crisis counselors and representatives of agencies who can provide needed community services will also be there.

"Our crisis counselors... will be on deck to provide counseling for people who need it, and other agencies that can provide services in terms of mental health, of feeling good. We are working closely with partners that can give those services for free," Torres added.

The foundation is also selling "resiliency shirts" for adults and children, as a fundraiser. The money that will be raised will be used to fund more community projects in the CNMI.

Remembering how the community gathered together and held each other during the typhoons that hit the Marianas, Torres said the event is also about unity. "Our focus is celebrating resiliency and uniting one and all. We're celebrating resiliency. We are still here, we are alive. We are so strong."

For more information on the Resiliency Fest, or to help LDTF, contact the foundation at (670) 235-5383.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: DPW20-ITB-003**

SUBMISSION DATE: November 25, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **November 7, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 13, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**Board of Trustees
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in CHCC Conference Room 3.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Adoption of Minutes
 - A. August 7, 2019
 - B. August 15, 2019
 - C. September 26, 2019
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chargemaster - Fees Update
- VII. Credential Privileges

New Applicants:

 - 1) Dr. Neil Zhang
 - 2) Dr. Kyla Sherwood

Renewal Applicants:

 - 3) Roca Sablan, NP/NM
 - 4) Douglas Metz, PA
 - 5) Shawna Brehmle, NP
 - 6) Dr. Glenda George
 - 7) Dr. John Doyle
- VIII. Reports:
 - A. Management & Operations
 - B. Financial Statement
 - C. CMS & EORI Dashboard Update
 - D. QAPI Report - ESRD & Hospital
- IX. New Business:
 - A. Election of Officers
- X. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.
- XI. Announcement
- XII. Adjournment

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

VICTOR BABAUTA CASTRO, Petitioner, vs. LORALIE JENNETH TOMINES SANCHEZ, Respondent.	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0430 SUMMONS
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TO: LORALIE JENNETH TOMINES SANCHEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce, which is served herewith, **within twenty-one (21) days** after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of Michael Norita Evangelista, LLC, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it the Clerk of the above-named Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of this Court, dated 24th day of September, 2019.

/s/ Clerk of Court
PATRICK V. DIAZ

Autumn Festival and Katori shrine ceremony on Saturday

The Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas will be hosting the Autumn Festival and a Katori shrine ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 26, to promote the Japanese culture and as a show of its commitment to the CNMI community.

The Autumn Festival will be held on Saturday, from 5pm to 9pm, at the Paseo de Marianas. That same day, representatives of the Katori Shrine in Japan—one of oldest and highest shrine in Japan—will hold a special ceremony at the Katori shrine at the Sugar King Park at 10am.

In a statement, Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas chairman Masato Tezuka said the Autumn Festival is intended to celebrate the CNMI's remarkable recovery from the damage caused by Super Typhoon Yutu a year ago. Also, he said this is a good occasion to celebrate the new bridge between the CNMI and Japan that will be created by

Skymark Airlines, which will start regular flights to Saipan in November.

"We have been facing difficult times due to the cancellation of direct flight from Japan, and the big damage caused by [Super] Typhoon Yutu last year. But our society is very pleased to see the remarkable progress [of] Saipan and [the] very good news about the launching of regular direct flight from Japan operated by Skymark Airline this winter," Tezuka added.

The Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas press statement quotes Tezuka as saying that the Katori shrine represents a place of prayer for peace and prosperity. It said the Katori shrine on Saipan is the only one built outside of Japan.

"This year we celebrate 105 years since the establishment of katori shrine since 1914. History tell us that the strong and unbreakable relationship

between [the] CNMI and Japan still remains and it will for many years to come," Tezuka said in the statement.

As for the Autumn Festival, it will feature a bazaar from 4pm to 6pm and traditional demonstrations and dances. Food vendors will also be selling popular Japanese foods. Game booths and a raffle are planned.

There will be a raffle, with a roundtrip airline ticket to Japan among the prizes, courtesy of Skymark Airlines.

In addition, there will be product gifts from the mayor of Katori City in Japan for the CNMI's support of a possible sister-city program between Saipan and Katori City in the future. The number of gift are limited and will be first come, first serve.

"This festival and ceremony are one of many examples of the historic ties between the Marianas and Japan," Tezuka said. *(Saipan Tribune)*

DPS to host Halloween 'haunted passage'

The Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Department of Corrections, and the DPS Employee Association Inc., will be hosting a haunted passage way this Oct. 29.

The event, named "Terror

on Tekken Street," will be at the DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot, right behind the Guma' Hustisia courthouse in Susupe. Public parking is designated in front of the courthouse.

Entry is free and is open to the public. It will be from 6:30pm to 9pm. DPS advis-

es the public to be cautious when out with children; to look both ways before crossing; to keep count of individuals when in groups, with one chaperone in front and behind the group; and to be aware of their surroundings when venturing into the passage. *(MAV)*



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-029

MAUI 4 WATER TANK DEMOLITION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified contractors for the demolition of the Maui 4 Water Tank located in Sadog Tasi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **October 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-19-029 Maui 4 Water Tank Demolition"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 15, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Acting Drinking Water/Wastewater Manager, Yvonne Cabrera via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician, Senior via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-036

MANNED SECURITY and ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive bids from qualified firms to provide Manned Security and Electronic Monitoring Services for various sites at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00. The Contractor shall agree to and indemnify and hold CUC harmless from and against all liability, loss, damage or injury, and all cost and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs of any suit related thereto) suffered or incurred by the Cooperative, arising from or related to Contractor's negligent performance under the contract.

Proponents shall provide a certification signed by a principal of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Proponents shall submit a listing of all of its employees (US & Foreign) with corresponding job titles and a certification of good standing from the CNMI Department of Labor. Failure of the company to provide the certification is grounds to reject the entire Bid.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-19-036, Security Guard Services"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST, Saipan Time) on October 25, 2019**. Late submissions of Bids will not be considered.

This Invitation for bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of Bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the Proponent, awarded a contract.

All Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the Bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a Bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 11, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contracting Specialist via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior - christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) MANAGER (Temporary, 12 months)

NMCADSV is looking for a motivated individual to join its team! We are looking for someone who is rooted in service and believes in the social justice values we uphold.

Job Summary: The SART Manager will work with the Executive Director of NMCADSV, NMCADSV staff, and its Board to achieve the mission, goals, and objectives of the organization. The SART Manager will be primarily responsible for CNMI-wide systems advocacy to cultivate the prevention of sexual violence and victim-centered responses for victims of sexual assault. This includes taking a leadership role in facilitating cross-discipline collaboration, providing ongoing training and technical assistance to SART members and allied organizations, and obtaining feedback from all partners to develop policies and protocols that support victim-centered and empowerment-based responses to victims of sexual assault. In addition, the SART Manager will be responsible for convening monthly meetings on Saipan, attending SART related meetings on Tinian and Rota, and mandatory meetings and training events in the U.S.

Minimum Qualifications: An understanding of and agreement with NMCADSV's mission statement and philosophy regarding the elimination of domestic and sexual violence; strong communication skills, verbal and written, with diverse groups of people and professionals; strong organizational, collaborative, and project management skills; experience with training or providing education to various audiences; experience with facilitating meetings and bringing stakeholders together for collaborative efforts; ability to facilitate engagement and interest among allied partners with positive and professional communication; experience with assessments and analysis; ability to implement complex projects with extremely tight deadlines; must be able to travel within the CNMI and to the US Mainland immediately upon hire; must have access to reliable transportation; and must be able to work immediately upon offer.

Classification & Salary Range: Full Time, Exempt. Some nights and weekends required. Travel is required. \$16.00/hr to \$22.00/hr (based on experience and qualifications).

Copies of the full Position Description can be requested by email at info@endviolencenmi.org or downloaded from the NMCADSV Facebook page. Hard copies are also available at the NMCADSV Office (directions below).

To Apply: A **Resume and Cover Letter** should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 25, 2019**. Provide a list (not copies) of any certifications and/or awards. Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submit **resume and cover letter** to info@endviolencenmi.org, deliver to NMCADSV's office (**between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**) at the Marina Heights I Building (2nd Floor, Suite 206) or mail to NMCADSV, P.O. Box 506689, Saipan, MP 96950. (Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.) Applicants who are invited for an interview will be asked to bring a copy of their Diploma or equivalent, Police Clearance (within last 30 days), valid Passport, and a list of references.

NMCADSV is an equal opportunity employer. Individuals from under-served communities are encouraged to apply.

This project is 100% supported by federal grants, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, Grant Award #2019-WR-AX-0051. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this release are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Resolution rejects racist language in *Insular Cases*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.), who chairs the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Congress, introduced a resolution last Friday rejecting the racist and imperialist language present in the U.S. Supreme Court decisions referred to as the *Insular Cases*. Grijalva's bipartisan reso-

lution was introduced with insular delegates Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Stacey Plaskett (D-US-VI), Michael San Nicolas (D-Guam), and Jennifer González-Colon (R-PR).

The *Insular Cases* were decided in the early 20th century and establish the relationship between the Unit-

ed States and its territories.

According to Grijalva's resolution, these cases rest on deeply offensive racial and cultural assumptions, and include such terms as "alien races" and "savage and restless people" when referring to the people living in U.S. territories.

According to a press

statement from Grijalva's office yesterday, it said, "This historic congressional resolution rejects the use of the *Insular Cases* in present and future cases and controversies. The racist and imperialist sentiments present in the *Insular Cases* have no place in our current discourse and do not support

equal rights or the interests of Americans living in the territories. Action on the *Insular Cases* is long overdue."

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on *Financial Oversight BD. V. Aurelius Investment*, a case pertaining to the constitutionality of the appointments of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico. Various organizations and groups have denounced the potential use of the *Insular Cases* in the case, including the American Civil Liberties Union, former federal and local judges, and legal scholars.

In an amicus brief regarding *Financial Oversight BD. V. Aurelius Investment*, the ACLU argues that, while reaf-

firming the limits of the *Insular Cases* would be sufficient to resolve this case, "the *Insular Cases* explicitly rest on deeply offensive racial and cultural assumptions." Similarly, former federal and local judges argue that the *Insular Cases* are based on discredited assumptions about the people living in U.S. territories and the Supreme Court should refuse to expand the *Insular Cases* beyond their precise facts. Legal scholars express that the *Insular Cases* rest on antiquated notions of racial inferiority and should not be extended beyond their holdings. For these reasons, the U.S. Supreme Court should decide the litigation on other grounds. (*Saipan Tribune*)



Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. hands over a \$5,000 check to Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as a hole-in-one prize for the 4th Annual Friends of the JKPL Golf Tournament Fundraiser to be held on Nov. 10, Sunday, at the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

IVA MAURIN

JKPL golf fundraiser has slots for 144 players

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REPORTER

To raise funds to help boost library services for the CNMI, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is hoping to get 144 players to join the 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Nov. 10 at the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"We have a capacity of about 144 golf players to join our tournaments," JKPL technical services librarian Beth Demapan said. "We were really hurt last year [due to Super Typhoon Yutu] so we did not have our golf

tournament."

Demapan said the numbers are building right now, especially with major prizes from sponsors pouring in to help the cause. The golf tournament is considered the library's biggest fundraiser.

Last Friday, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., a hole-in-one sponsor for the fourth annual golf tournament fundraiser, donated \$5,000 to the library.

"On behalf of the technical staff and management of the public library, we thank Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. for their commitment to literacy," Demapan said.

Pacifica Insurance president

and chief operations officer Shirley Ann T. Sablan said the company believes in JKPL and its mission.

"We support the fundraiser golf tournament because we believe in JKPL and what it stands for. Keep reading, CNMI," Sablan said.

This is one of many partnerships the JKPL has with the insurance company in promoting literacy in the CMML. For the hole-in-one sponsorship, the company is giving the lucky winner a \$5,000 cash prize.

"We hope that that entices more golfers to come and participate, and join in the golf tournament," Demapan said.

"We hope everybody could come out and play. It is going to be a fun time to experience the last and the biggest tournament of the season."

Proceeds from the 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library go to support the resource and collection development, circulation materials, and the free programs and services the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Bookmobile, the Tinian Public Library, and the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library provide for the CNMI.

To support the fundraiser and for more information, contact Demapan or golf committee chair Joey Dela Cruz at 235-7315/235-7316/287-7161.

Replacement period for food stamps lost during storm extended

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Community members who rely on food stamps now have until Nov. 6, Wednesday, to have their food stamps and/or food lost during the recent typhoon replaced.

The Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved the request of Department

of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter, to extend the 10-day requirement to up to 30 days, or by Nov. 6, 2019, for Nutrition Assistance Program recipients on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The approval allows NAP recipients to ask for a replacement of destroyed NAP coupons and/or food purchased with NAP coupons

that have been destroyed as a result of Super Typhoon Hagibis that passed through the Marianas last Oct. 7 to 8.

Based on the FNS approval, 50%, or up to \$484,530 of the total October benefits issued from Sept. 26 through Oct. 4, 2019, may be requested for replacement by NAP recipients on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

In the approval letter dated

Oct. 18 sent to Hunter by USDA FNS regional administrator Jesus Mendoza Jr., the CNMI must notify the eligible households of the extended reporting period, which should specify the new reporting period and the requirements for replacement eligibility.

Eligible households will be notified via email or in person.

CUC: Boil tap water as a precaution

Due to the recent passage of Typhoon Bualoi in the CNMI, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. issued a "boil water" notice yesterday as a precautionary measure.

According to the CUC notice, the water supply and/or distribution system may have been disrupted and the risk of contamination by coliform bacteria is uncertain.

"This precautionary boil water notice is intended to inform the public of the status of the drinking water supply and what can be done to reduce health risks. If tap water is to be used for drinking purposes, consumers are advised to take precautionary measures by boiling their water before use," it added.

What should I do? What does this mean?

■ **BOIL TAP WATER BEFORE USE.** Bring all water to a boil, let boil for one minute, then let cool before using, or use bottled water as an alternative. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Purpose of the boiling

process is to kill bacteria and other organisms in the water.

■ This precautionary boil water notice is in effect for all residents of Saipan and Tinian. If you are experiencing stomach ache, diarrhea, or vomiting, see your physician as soon as possible. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

CUC will continue to monitor chlorine residual throughout the distribution system and ensure that proper treatment is achieved. Water samples will be collected to analyze for the presence of coliform bacteria and E. coli. CUC will inform you when tests show no bacteria and no longer require water to be boiled.

CUC encourages its water customers to share this information with all other consumers, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses, etc.). (*PR*)

CUC: Water tanks now online

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said that all tank service areas throughout the island went online at 10:33am yesterday. However, customers are advised of the following:

■ As water pressure builds to normal working pressure customers may encounter potential low water pressure at the onset with airbursts that need to clear as well as brown water. Customers are advised to flush their water until it clears.

■ CUC customers were informed in a previous "Precau-

tionary Boil Water Notice" to take precautionary measures by boiling their water before use due to the possible disruption of CUC's water supply and/or distribution system resulting in the uncertainty of bacterial contamination. This notice is still in effect.

■ CUC water personnel will be collecting water samples to analyze for the presence of total coliform bacteria and E. coli. The public will be informed when tests show no bacteria and no longer require water to be boiled. (*PR*)

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The community will soon

No major damage, NMC Saipan, Tinian resume classes today

The Northern Marianas College opens its offices on Saipan and Tinian today, Wednesday, Oct. 23, with classes resuming as scheduled.

Preliminary assessments show that the college sustained no major damage from Typhoon Bualoi. NMC immediately went to work with repairs and other cleanup activities, shortly after the typhoon.

NMC told its students and staff to communicate with their instructors and supervisors if they need more time to recover.

The college is also advising everyone to exercise caution, given the residual inclement weather from the typhoon.

"We will ask everyone to extend additional flexibility to help students and employees who need additional time or assistance," as stated in NMC's advisory.

NMC Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were closed Monday and Tuesday due to the threat of Bualoi. Its Rota campus reopened yesterday, following the "All Clear" declaration for the island by the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. (Iva Maurin)

'Bright plans' for the Sugar King Park

be able to enjoy nights at the Sugar King Park in Garapan.

As part of plans to brighten up the park at night and encourage nighttime strollers to visit the park's vendors even at night, the Saipan Mayor's Office is planning to replace the street lights at the park that were damaged when typhoons Soudelor and Yutu hit the CNMI.

Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said that this is part of Mayor David M. Apatang's efforts to make some improvements at the Sugar King Park.

The park has eight stalls that are being leased to vendors by the Saipan Mayor's Office. One of those vendors is Filipino favorite Bitoy's Barbecue.

"Now, we have a new vendor, Bitoy's Barbecue. He used to operate in San Antonio, so he is contacting his old customers. His barbecue [stand] was damaged by the typhoon, and he has not opened since, until now," Hofschneider said.

A few years ago, the mayor's office invited anyone wishing to occupy the small stalls to open shop at the park, but did not get any response.

The stalls have not been used until recently, with Apatang giving the directive to put the stalls to use.

The facility was built through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

All eight stalls are currently occupied. There is no rent for now. The rent is offset by the out-of-pocket expenses the vendors (tenants) incur to renovate what needs to be fixed inside.

"The arrangement with them would be that they enter and they renovate, what-

ever they need to renovate inside the stalls," Hofschneider explained.

"Since construction was done about a year and a half ago, it has never been used. Since 2008, I think after the ribbon-cutting to 2018, or late 2017, none of the stores was ever used. So the water faucet, fixtures, and the water heaters in there all have to be replaced."

The term of use for the stalls is only for 18 months at a time. After 18 months, the Office of the Mayor will evaluate the demand for the stall. If there

are many demands, the office will notify the current tenant that a bid will be put out so the current tenant can also bid for the stall.

"The permit is just temporary, and we can revoke the permit anytime," Hofschneider said. "We are going to look for different concessions, different items, and the best offer. It's not going to be strictly monetary. We're going to look at what they can offer the visitors to the park. It is going to be a different bid than just money."

Each tenant is also required to comply with all the pertinent requirements, including the acquisition of permits and hooking up to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. They are required to get a building occupancy permit, a zoning permit, a Bureau of Environmental Health food handling permit, fire permit, among others.

Each stall is metered so tenants have to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for the connection fee and pay for their own monthly use of water, power, and sewer.

Other improvements to the park are in the pipeline, Hofschneider said, in recognition of the fact that, as new vendors come in and hold stalls at the park, they also bring in their customers to the area and get them to enjoy Sugar King Park's amenities.

"Come and visit the park," Hofschneider said. "Enjoy what the vendors have to offer. It is there for everybody."



THANK YOU!

University of Guam's College of Liberal Arts and Science, the UOG Sociology Club, and Mañe'lon Marianas raised \$1,500 for Northern Marianas College's Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts. The Associated Students of NMC officers Shanthia Espinosa, Maia Pangelinan, Marchie Fernandez, Victoria Matsunaga, Jo-elin Mettao, Eloise Lopez, along with their advisers, Jose Tudela and Alexis Cabrera, accepted the donation on behalf of NMC.

NMC

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CUC Cashier's Office reopens

The Cashier Department of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. re-opened yesterday, Oct. 22, 2019, for purchases of prepay tokens only.

In a statement yesterday, it said all other CUC offices will remain closed until the typhoon condition clears.

For emergencies, call 664-4282. (PR)

Guam to release more tax refunds

HAGATNA, Guam—The Guam Department of Revenue & Taxation will mail this week 562 tax refund checks totaling approximately \$1.5 million, including refunds garnished to repay government debts for error-free returns filed on or before April 27, 2019.

For inquiries, contact the Income Tax Branch of the Department of Revenue & Taxation at 671-635-1840. (PR)

SHRM meeting postponed to Oct. 30

In consideration to most private businesses and the government office closure due to the recent typhoon, the Society for Human Resource Manage-

ment NMI Chapter is postponing its general membership meeting that was scheduled for today, Oct. 23, to Oct. 30, 2019. The time and venue remain the same.

The meeting, which will still be held at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret beginning at 11am, will feature PSS Cooperative Education program coordinator Brandon Nicholas and Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio. This meeting is open to the public.

The presentation includes a lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by email at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at <http://nmichapter.shrm.org>. (PR)

Guam Passport Office closed today

The Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation's Guam Passport Office will be closed today, Oct. 23, 2019, from 8am to 5pm for annual training with the U.S. Department of State. Regular office hours of 8am to 5pm will resume tomorrow, Oct. 24, 2019. (PR)

Golf tournament fundraiser for JKPL

The 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course. Game format is Low Gross and Double Peoria, 2-Person Scramble (Men and Women). Cost to participate is \$200 entry per team. All proceeds will help support the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its resource and collection development, circulation materials, and library programs. Last day to register is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5pm. (PR)

Business Expo 2019 on Nov. 9

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its newly

re-instated Chamber Business Expo on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9am to 4pm at the Saipan World Resort. The goal is for Chamber members to showcase their company and new products and services to the local market. To sign up to be an exhibitor:

1. Visit and download the application packet on the Saipan Chamber of Commerce website at www.saipan-chamber.com/events in the Events Page.
2. Complete and submit applications with payment to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the third floor, Suite 315 of the Marianas Business Plaza or email to coordinator2@saipan-chamber.com.
3. Registration is currently open and deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, by 5pm.

Reservations for booths are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Noelani McMahon at coordinator2@saipan-chamber.com or call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150. (PR)

Guam workshops on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement

Technical Assistance Center is offering free workshops on federal contracting. The workshops will run from 9am to 10am at the University of Guam in the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Admin Building, Margarita Perez & Jaime Tuquero IT&E Lecture Hall, Room 131(unless otherwise specified):

■ Oct. 24: Wages – Which wage do you pay your employees on government contracts? The Guam PTAC will discuss the various laws and regulations to make sure you stay in compliance.

■ Oct. 31: Teaming & JVs – What are they and which is right for your business? The Guam PTAC will discuss the federal regulations related to these arrangements and discuss ways to use these arrangements effectively.

For project management professionals, Guam PTAC workshops may count toward your annual professional development unit (PDU) goals!

Register on <http://guamp-tac.com/news-and-events.php> or call/email Therese at 735-2552/admin@guamp-tac.com. Walk-ins are wel-

come. (PR)

Saipan to host terrestrial conservation conference

The 3rd Annual Marianas Terrestrial Conservation Conference & Workshop will be held on Nov. 18-20, at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan. Registration is free and open to the public, and will include presentations on terrestrial conservation, field trips and activities such as pre-conference proa rides and Mariana swiftlet field trip, and a lizard identification trip at American Memorial Park. To register, visit marianasterrestrialconservation.org. It also includes a birding trip, tree planting for Yutu recovery, Jeffrey's Beach tour, and native limestone forest hike. For more information about the conference, or for donations (financial or in-kind) to help with organizational costs as well as to raise funds to enable students to travel to the conference to present their research, email Jill Liske-Clark at liskeclark.cnmidfw@gmail.com. (PR)

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Riots around the globe are linked by a common thread: frustration

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If it's true that "a riot," as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "is the language of the unheard," then a lot of people around the world are becoming fluent in that particular dialect.

Hong Kong, with its epic showdown between street demonstrators and police over demands for more democracy, has grabbed most of the world's attention. But there also have been violent demonstrations in Barcelona, Spain, over sentences of up to 13 years handed down by the Spanish Supreme Court to leaders of the Catalan separatist movement whose criminal act was to oversee a nonbinding referendum.

Elsewhere, economics and corruption have been the driving force, as in Haiti, Ecuador and Chile in the Americas. In the Middle East, violent demonstrations have occurred in Lebanon and Iraq over corruption and failed government services. In Indonesia, a new law that weakened an anti-corruption commission led thousands of people into the streets for violent clashes with police.

The world, it seems, is channeling Howard Beale, the network television news anchor in Paddy Chayefsky's 1976 Academy Award-winning movie "Network," who, as he's being forced out of his job over dwindling ratings, gave voice to the unvoiced by bellowing, "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

Interestingly, most of the global protests began with seemingly minor friction points—a subway fare hike in Chile, a fuel-subsidy cut in Ecuador, a new law in Indonesia—that ignited deeper anger and frustration over poverty and corruption, or led the citizenry to demand more democracy and self-governance.

Is this a tipping point? Probably not. But it is a sharp warning to political elites around the world about what happens when governments fail to address, or worsen, deep poverty and social divisions.

Income inequality is a massive problem, with the U.S. having the worst of it. According to the research group Inequality.org, "the top 1% in the United States holds 42.5% of national wealth, a far greater share" than in other member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. "In no other industrial nation does the richest 1% own more than 28% of their country's wealth."

But that doesn't mean such disparity isn't global. People with more than \$1 million in investments control 45% of the world's wealth, the group says. Conversely, those with less than \$10,000 make up 64% of the world population but account for less than 2% of global wealth.

And as governments are perceived to be serving the interests of the haves over those of the have-nots, or of undercutting the public interest for their own enrichment, protests are inevitable.

The demonstrations not only are the "language of the unheard," they are the predictable results of broken systems of governance. And the first steps toward chaos.

The question is, will governments heed the messages of abject frustration delivered by banners, rocks and firebombs?



Considering college: Clean restrooms

Tahoka, Texas, the county seat of Lynn County, is a small town of 3,000 souls. In spirit, it is bigger than the South Plains skies that crown it. Maybe it's poor; the median household income is \$42,000 per year. In spirit, family income only provides a glimpse into what makes a community work. Toughness, practicality and self-reliance matter, too, in the oldest town south of Lubbock on the South Plains.

Many Tahoka Bulldogs, the school's mascot, have assumed successful careers in diverse locations, occupations and pursuits of life. Phil Adams, a Bulldog and former chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is currently serving his third six-year term as a Regent. Phil's dad was Tahoka's Ag teacher for years; his mom was a school teacher and counselor and lived out her life in Tahoka. Mr. Adams attributes his success in life to four Tahoka, Texas, values: home, church, school and work.

Mr. Adams did not mention to me the importance of stewardship—it was probably too obvious. Tahokians care for what they have. After visiting 80 high schools in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, in Tahoka I found the cleanest restrooms that I have ever seen. That finding provided a luminous look at the people of Tahoka. By comparison to more prosperous schools in more prosperous metropolises, stewardship of limited or scarce resources represents a fifth value on Phil's list. Or, possibly, it is embedded in each of the Tahoka values: home, church, school and work.

Many communities, particularly small communities, struggle to maintain their independent school districts in the face of declining populations, a lack of employment opportunities and increasingly sparse healthcare. Fiscal wherewithal is sometimes provided by windmills standing resolute against the endless West Texas skies. Billions of dollars in energy investments create tens of millions of dollars enabling smaller schools to build new facilities that empower hope for the future.

But enlightened stewardship is required.

Stanley T. Greer discusses in a January 2019 research report, *Local Tax Abatements and the Texas Wind Industry* published by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, the impact of Chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code which creates burdens that are "scarring rural Texas." Mr. Greer carefully rehearses the costs and benefits, with a legitimate emphasis on "costs" that impact the long-range stewardship and utilization of an abundant resource in Texas—wind. While the benefits of renewable energy resources are difficult to dispute, the costs of en-

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vironmental degradation, deleterious impacts on human health, the high costs of transmission to urban areas and the sporadic reliability of wind energy all require thoughtful assessment of ultimate value.

Stewardship and appreciation of costs and benefits will lessen negative impacts on small communities in West Texas. Public awareness and accountability are required to balance the precarious equation of what is ultimately good for communities. Tahoka and dozens of other independent school districts get immediate benefit from wind energy seemingly unavailable from any other source.

In part, what I saw in Tahoka, heard from Principal Don Worth and experienced through a pragmatic sense of purpose was memorialized in the school's motto: "We Serve, Students Win." Intentionally caring for what a community possesses sustains near and long-term value.

Schools in many small communities are the glue, the pride of place, the last bastion of public purpose that bonds the community together. When visiting Booker High School, I was told by the former school librarian that the school district (with less than 140 students, pre-k through 12) was essential to the community. "Without it," she said, "Booker would be boarded up."

Purposefulness and stewardship take on heightened priority in the sparsely populated, windblown, yet vital communities of the Panhandle and the South Plains.

If a family visits a college campus and finds indicators of a lack of stewardship of any kind, from cleanliness of the restrooms to deliberate utilization of increasingly scarce resources—state funding, tuition and fee dollars, gifts, grants and other means of material support—look elsewhere for an institution that "gets it" like Tahoka does.

Clean restrooms may seem trite, but they are the tip of the stewardship iceberg.

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Asuntun ekonomia

Nai umasoda`yu` yan un` ekonomista ha diskute haf` asuntun ekonomia gi komprendiyun na eskalera.

Esplikasioña: “Ekonomia kulan un` hatdin. Debi unna` gasgas, kuhan ñaihoni edda`, abunuye, ya unna`e` nos kuantus dias antes de un` tanume pot para u tunug i abonu gi edda`. Dispues rega antes de un` tanum i simiya”.

Kulan mangai inañoḡu hit gi todū asuntu taiguihe mafanana`an instant coffee. No señor! Debi ta fachuchu`e haf` diniseha-ta komplidu. Huñgan gai pasu lau un` manera` nai libre hit sin ditension.

Silensiu

Gi hinanau ha`ane guaha`nai hu fagcha`e silensiu oriya-hu. Fuetsau hu ekuñgug ñaihoni haf` guaha. Ayu mas hu e`ekuñgug i kau manfelis tautau-ta siha gi ha`anen niha.

Hu rebisa i asuntu dispues`nai hu birayu` manaitai otu materiat siha. Ai bidaña si Hagibis. Ha lachai muna` dilubiu mediu patte gi sanhilu` giya Japon. Manadan guma` mandestrosiau`nai tinipa i tanu` ni ichan. Dilubiu!

Guine, matrumpeta tumunug ekonomia. Achagigu yan maribahan fondu gi kaha. Haf` siha na setbisiu man-inafekta?

Ta diseseha na una`lu tatte`sino ha rompe hit ti kombidau na mattirin eskases yan ha`ilas.

Makat gi familia maribahan moneda ni kumukubre gastun nesessidat siha diariamente. Tapan man-gagau bendision na u letke hit maseha haf` na chinatsaga.

Karera

Hu pega fan atanhū 40 años mona para bai`li`e haf` fina`pus tautau-ta siha dispues. Lamayot patte felis kareran hinerat yan amtau na adelantu gi halum tautau-ta siha.

Bes enkuando, mauleg ta ta`lun umatan kau ta kokomple planuta siha para i manattatte. Ha sede mas amtau na inadahe gi anaku` na kareran niha.

Mas libianu para hita`an guaha mas adelantu gi bandan bisnis. Estague` na patte debi u homlu` para ta kubre man-presisu siha na setbisiun publiku. Sin este kase lamegai gi tautau-ta para u fan

mamadese ti sufisiente moneda para nesessidat familia. Piot ya guaha mana` fan basta gi che`chu` niha.

Mina` ansianu-yu` adelantun bisnis pot katsun fondun setbisiu`nai menus apas aduana (taxes) ginen betsa-ta. Puede mas adelantau pot dañkulu na ayudu gi kinalamten tano`ta.

Gi ti maput na eskalera ekonomia pot kualidat linala` familia gi halum guma`. I moneda fuetsan kinalamten familia.

Huli`e antes didog na sapet gi hiniyuñg i Navy Marianas. Megai mana` fan basta gi che`chu` niha kontodu mañaita. I mangai offisiu man-matutuhun suetdun niha gi \$.16 gi ora. Diberas!

Sapet para megai na familia ni sin ditensio mafalague i gualu`nai man-mananum`aggun haya yan ma-usune pinegsai para mantension niha. Ayogue` na tiempu`nai appenas cho`chu` guine. Makat na mattiru gi familia siha.

Leksion

Finana`guen mañainata na`an tinahuñg mantension ginen pri-met offisiu dopbla hau gi otu pot nesessidat familia.

Huli`e magahet un` amiguha ha totche ha`aniña esta i gualu`yan tasi dispues de regulat na offisiuñña. Mauleg sa` hoben yan makalamya guihe na tiempu`nai tat tihana` siña mientras kalamten. Brabu!

Mauleg sa` umeyagyu` dumandan ni huna` setbe gi uttimun semana manrikohe dididi` para gastun petsonat. Kase 25 añusyu` dumandan entalu` tambut yan gitala.

Megai lokue` gi tautau-ta dumopbla siha esta i lemlem tautau gi che`chu` gualu`. Kanaha` mantai deskansu lau animu pot obligasion familia!

Pine`lu

Siña ta translada “investment” kumu “pine`lu” kontodu ma-es- tablesen nuebu na bisnis. Hinalum fiñkas ni umestablese lokue` cho`chu` para i tautau tanu`.

I bisnis solu pisun fiñkas ginen apas setbisiu yan aduana. I mefena pot cho`chu`, i tatatte katsun todū nesessidat. Maseha dididi` kumayada nuebu na pine`lu ta pasensiaye puede guaha mas adelantu gi ge`fena.

Kase gai bintaha i para tapan dañña` pot para tatampa haf` mas

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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na adelantu siña tana` guaha gi praibet. Dos na metkau siempre tafalague: nesessidat-ta yan haf` mapetfifiha ni bisita-ta siha.

Pot akomparasion: Usun hinegsa` diariu giya hita. Piot ya tapas yan katdun to`lañg yan guihan.

Gi mismu tiempu atan taimanu i Japones chumochu hinegsa`sa` guaha difirensia. Makanu` i hinegsa` namaisa dispues`nai magulusune fina` totche. Taya` gumana i Chamorro gi boka- kan sopas!

Diberas

Un` biradahu ginen Washington umesgin Tokyo-yu`. Guahu ha` na natibu gi ruplanu los dimas Japones.

`Nai ha tutuhun anog i isla siha gi sankatan duru i Japones man-manlitrato ya esta manata`yug ni bonitun tano`ta yan asut tasi. Magahet na diariu halum siuda`nai mañasaga ni chagu yan i tasi.

Hombre, ginen isla-yu` ya diariu hulili`e i tatnai mali`e ni bisita-ta. Kulan tatten patman kanaihu. Diberas esta manata`yug`nai mali`e bonitu na tasin iya Marianas piot i apaka` unai-ta siha guine.

Ti un` fanli`e taiguine giya Tokyo`sino manu na siuda giya Japon. Bonita Marianas!

Dibina

Guaha un` tihun mame sessu hafaisen un` kuestion: dipidipina, hafa a`kakatka kimaña? Ha oppen maisague`, “Tenten`nai”. Sige pa`gu i chaleg.

5 benefits of asset protection

Many people think that taking steps to protect their money from lawsuits is just for rich people with cash and land to spare. But have you ever bought insurance, formed a business entity, or split up your money in more than one kind of account such as a checking and retirement account? Then you’ve dabbled in asset-protection planning too.

That’s a good thing because many of us run the risk of getting sued at some point in our lives. Indeed, about 100 million lawsuits are filed in the United States every year. And Saipan is hardly less litigious.

What’s the reason for this avalanche of lawsuits? Every day stuff that will happen to most of us eventually—divorce, unpaid loans, car accidents, slip-and-fall accidents, business deals gone sour, and on and on.

The upshot is that life happens. As sure as dawn follows night, we know that storm clouds will darken the sky repeatedly during our lives. It’s part of the journey. Thus, the question is not whether the rain will come; it’s whether we will prepare for the rain before it arrives.

Fortunately, there are ways to prepare for rain while the sun is shining. These strategies are commonly known as asset protection. They involve leveraging the law to minimize the amount of assets that someone can successfully seize if they win a lawsuit against you. In concert, these strategies are powerful because ultimately it does not matter how much a person wins in a lawsuit, it matters how much they can collect afterward.

How can these strategies help you? In at least five ways.

First, deploying asset-protection strategies increases the chance that you will keep your stuff if something bad happens. In fact, that’s the chief point: Asset protection minimizes the assets available for your creditors if they win a lawsuit against you. It’s the equivalent of playing defense on the basketball court rather than letting the other team drive to the hoop for an uncontested lay-up.

Second, asset protection can discourage the threat of a lawsuit

blooming into an actual lawsuit. The reason is that litigation is ultimately a business decision. A plaintiff won’t sue someone if the cost of pursuing the lawsuit exceeds the gain from winning a lawsuit. This is true even of the emotional plaintiff who claims they are fighting for principle. A sense of justice may drive them at the start, but once the emotion wears off and the checks to their lawyer pile up, reality will sink in and economic calculations will take over. This point applies even more firmly to lawyers. If they fight for principle too frequently, they starve because principle doesn’t pay for food or keep the lights on. And so lawyers will generally avoid cases unless they have a reasonable chance of earning money. What’s the upshot? If you can convince a plaintiff (or their lawyer) that your exposed wealth (that is, the money they could seize if they won the case) is small, then they won’t bother with the suit because the cost will outweigh the benefit.

Third, even if asset protection does not stop a lawsuit, it will often reduce the settlement cost. The reason is similar to why asset protection often stops a suit before it starts—economics. If you have a solid asset-protection plan in place that minimizes the assets easily available for a plaintiff to seize, then they know there’s little low-hanging fruit to eat and, as importantly, if they chase after the protected assets, it will be a slow and expensive journey with an uncertain end. This combination of minimizing easy assets, increasing the other side’s costs, and delaying the potential payout is powerful leverage at the bargaining table. It leaves a plaintiff with an unpalatable choice: They can either accept something now or stack up costs for months or years chasing an unpredictable payout later. In the face of that decision, plaintiffs (and their lawyers) will often take the sure thing now and move on with their lives.

Fourth, putting together an asset-protection plan normally improves your financial plan as a whole. That’s because asset protection intersects with your tax, investment, and estate-planning goals. So, talking about asset protection often yields better strategies for each of these topics, which ultimately means more

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money for the future version of you and your loved ones. For example, talking about asset protection often bleeds into how to reduce taxes, which then leads to discussions about how to plan your estate to reduce how much the tax men gets when you pass away, thereby maximizing how much of your assets go to your family.

A fifth benefit, and perhaps the key one, is peace of mind. If you’ve implemented a thoughtful asset-protection plan, you can sleep soundly at night knowing that you’ve reduced the downsides of life as much as possible. Thus, when the storm hits, you’ll be ready.

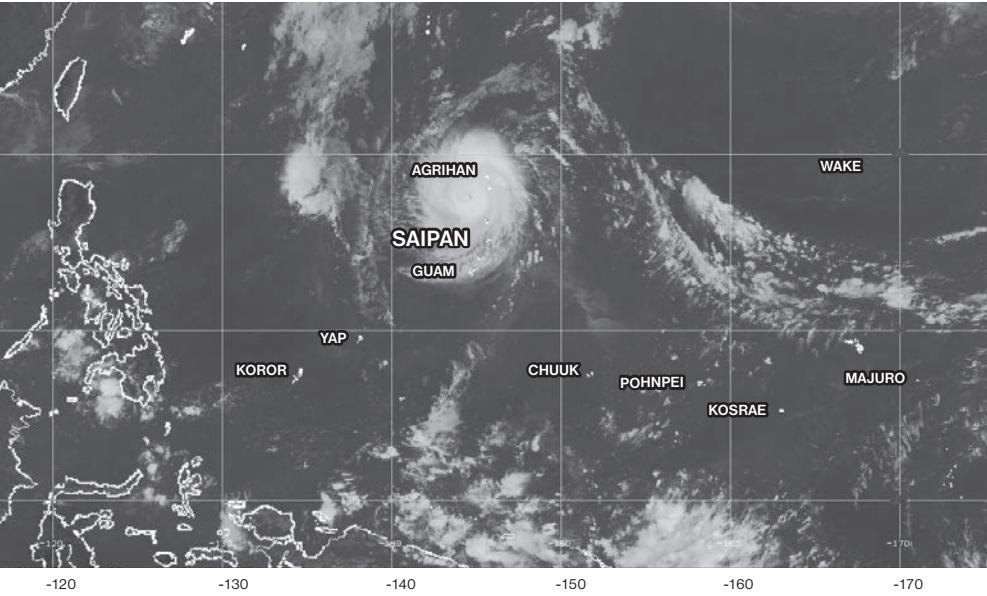
But a word of caution: While everyone should engage in at least some asset protection, it’s a complex area of law that intersects with a multitude of similarly complex fields. In short, it’s not a do-it-yourself project, except for the simplest of strategies. So, if you want to go beyond the basics, do your homework and get some help.

This column is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be taken as legal advice. For your specific case, consult a lawyer.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	77°	88°	76°	87°	77°	88°	78°	88°	78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:20 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Bualoi passed north of Saipan early this morning and was over 100 miles north of Saipan at sunrise. The typhoon is moving northward at around 12 mph and will increase its distance from the local area. Scatterometer data from Monday night showed that the typhoon has a small wind field around it. Winds have tapered off to between 10 to 15 mph at Guam and Rota and will become light tonight. Observations from Saipan indicate tropical storm force wind gusts and these showed a decreasing trend over the last few hours. These tropical storm force winds should end later this morning with winds of 20 to 25 mph later this morning and around 15 mph this afternoon.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°	
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	86° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	78 / 86 °	
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	80 / 86 °	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	82 / 87 °	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	61° / 54°	
Beijing	Showers	61° / 41°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	84° / 75°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 75°	
London	Cloudy	61° / 52°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	92° / 64°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°	
Melbourne	Sunny	88° / 70°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°	
New York	Sunny	64° / 48°	
Osaka	Rain	72° / 63°	
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	70° / 55°	
Busan	Rain	70° / 63°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	79° / 59°	
Salem	Sunny	70° / 47°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	52 / 70 °	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	73° / 52°	
Tokyo	Cloudy	68° / 61°	
Washington, DC	Sunny	66° / 43°	



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1:29 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.47	
8:57 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.03	
4:25 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.83	
10:23 PM	LOW TIDE	0.99	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:50 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:57 AM	2:08 PM	-
Thursday	1:58 AM	2:58 PM	-
Friday	2:59 AM	3:45 PM	-
Saturday	3:59 AM	4:32 PM	-
Sunday	4:59 AM	5:18 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019						
DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:57am	Daily	UA174	7:30am 8:07am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm 5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:05pm 2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	9:35pm 2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am 3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm 12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm 12:35am+1	1
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7	OZ625	7:40pm 1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	OZ625	8:15pm 1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:10pm 3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7	7C3404	10:40pm 4:10am+1	3, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6			
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm 4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)			HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am 3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm 5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm 3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm 12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm 1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm 1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm 8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm 8:07am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm 8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm 1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm 1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm 1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm 4:20am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (*The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.*)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.									
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily		
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily		
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily		
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily		
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily		
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily		
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily		
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily		
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily		
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily		
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily		
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily		
				2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily		
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily		
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily		

Business

Sunny Side opens new location in Koblerville



MARC A. VENUS

Sunny Side II is located by Monsignor Martinez Cor Afetna road in Koblerville. Once you see these flags ahead, this is the porch of the restaurant.

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REPORTER

Koblerville residents and those wondering about the lack of restaurants and eateries in the southern part of Saipan are now excited as a popular restaurant expanded its services to the island. Sunny Side II opened last Saturday, Oct. 19,

by Monsignor Martinez Cor Afetna road in Koblerville.

Sunny Side II owner Jennifer Orpiano said that what sets his restaurant apart from others is the variety and options of foods they offer. They have more than 20 different hot dishes to choose from every day. That's in addition to the variety of snacks, baked goods,

bento boxes, and *merienda* or light meals in Tagalog.

"We make sure there's something for everyone at friendly prices," she said. In the opening of the new Koblerville branch, they will continue to provide the large varieties of food, but will add a café bar to serve specialty coffee, milk tea, shakes, frozen desserts, and pastries.

"Our biggest fulfillment comes from seeing our customers happy with the food we



MARC A. VENUS

Sunny Side II offers over 20 different hot dishes to choose from everyday. In addition, the restaurant serves a variety of baked goods, bento, and light meals at friendly prices.



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From left, Sunny Side II owners Gary, Nora, and Jennifer Orpiano accompanied by Jennifer's boyfriend Edourd George.

serve, food is a universal source of joy and comfort, and to be able to provide that for our cus-

tomers is what makes us proud of the work we do," she said. Amongst the many chal-

lenges businesses face nowadays, there are many challenges that they need to face when running a restaurant. Issues ranging from inventory, management, costs, staff, and many more just to name a handful.

"These challenges are expected and they come with the territory, but we have a strong team, and we're always up for a good challenge," she said.

Sunny Side Restaurant and Bakery, known as The Lounge beforehand, was launched in 2006 when Orpiano was just 17 and set to attend college off-island. She said that the planning phase of creating another branch in the southern part of Saipan has been in the works since last August, and she spearheaded the interior designing phase in preparation of the business' opening.

The restaurant's design is to cater for all audiences, especially those who prefer a modern feel into places as the southern part of Saipan lacks this certain setting. In addition, with the addition of a café bar, it will play a bigger role from its predecessor as it adds an even greater appeal to the younger audiences who tend to interact together in such places.

The Koblerville branch will be able to seat 60 customers. The restaurant will be open from 5:30am to 9pm. For more inquiries about the restaurant, contact (670) 287-4018.

\$260 million deal averts 1st federal trial on opioid crisis

CLEVELAND (AP)—The nation's three biggest drug distributors and a major drug-maker agreed to an 11th-hour, \$260 million settlement Monday over the terrible toll taken by opioids in two Ohio counties, averting the first federal trial over the crisis.

The trial, involving Cleveland's Cuyahoga County and Akron's Summit County, was seen as a critical test case that could have gauged the strength of the opposing sides' arguments and prodded the industry and its foes toward a nationwide resolution of nearly all lawsuits over opioids, the scourge blamed for 400,000 U.S. deaths in the past two decades.

The agreement was struck in the middle of the night, just hours before a jury that was selected last week was scheduled to hear opening arguments in federal court in Cleveland.

Drug distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson will pay a combined \$215 mil-

lion, said Hunter Shkolnik, a lawyer for Cuyahoga County. Israeli-based drugmaker Teva will contribute \$20 million in cash and \$25 million worth of generic Suboxone, a drug used to treat opioid addiction.

"People can't lose sight of the fact that the counties got a very good deal for themselves, but we also set an important national benchmark for the others," Shkolnik said.

The deal contains no admission of wrongdoing by the defendants.

Across the U.S., the pharmaceutical industry still faces more than 2,600 other lawsuits over the deadly disaster. Participants in those cases said the Ohio deal buys them time to try to work out a nationwide settlement of all claims.

It could also turn up the pressure to work out such a deal, because every partial settlement reached reduces the amount of money the companies have available to pay other plaintiffs.

Bank of Guam earns 2019 Lender of the Year

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam is happy to announce that it has been awarded both the Lender of the Year and Banker of the Year from the Guam Small Business Administration for 2019.

As lender of the year, Bank of Guam approved eight SBA loans totaling over \$900,000 to various small businesses.

Banker of the Year, Vanessa B. Quinata, is a graduate of Notre Dame High. She has been with Bank of Guam since 1995, beginning as a telephone operator, and has worked in telebanking, customer service and administration. She also worked with both the Retail Banking Group (2010) and now Corporate Banking Group (2016). She has a Bachelors in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance and Economics from the University of Guam, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Joaquin P.L.G. Cook stated, "We are honored to be recog-



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From left, Bill Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam chairman of the board; Ken Lujan, Guam Small Business Administration branch manager; Keven Camacho, Bank of Guam vice president/chief lending officer; Vanessa B. Quinata, Bank of Guam assistant vice president/credit officer; Joaquin P.L.G. Cook, Bank of Guam president and chief executive officer; Janine Eustaquio, Bank of Guam assistant vice president/credit officer; and Maria Pernia, Bank of Guam loan processor.

nized for leading our community in lending to small businesses once again. These awards are the result of hard work and persistence of our team, and we are very proud to have been select-

» **Vanessa B. Quinata is 2019 Banker of the Year**

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ed for the 7th time for Lender of the Year and 6th time for Banker of the Year. In particular, congratulations

to Vanessa B. Quinata on being named 2019 SBA Banker of the Year and to the Bank's

lending team being awarded 2019 SBA Lender of the Year. Small businesses are the heart and soul of our community and drive our economy. We are grateful for the opportunities and trust given to us by small business owners of the region. Biba Bank of Guam!" (PR)

Nation

Mulvaney's missteps draw scrutiny from Trump allies

WASHINGTON (AP)—For Mick Mulvaney, the hits just keep on coming.

First, President Donald Trump's acting chief of staff stirred up a tempest by acknowledging that the administration had held up aid to Ukraine in part to prod that country to investigate Democrats and the 2016 elections. Then Mulvaney went on television Sunday to defend his boss in effusive terms — and ended up making a new problematic comment.

Explaining why Trump had tried to steer an international summit to one of the president's own properties before giving up on the idea, Mulvaney said Trump “still considers himself to be in the hospitality business.” That did nothing to allay concerns that the president has used his office to enrich his business interests.

The bookended performances over the span of a few days were panned by the president's allies and cast doubt on Mulvaney's job security at the

White House.

Mulvaney denied on “Fox News Sunday” that there was any consideration of his resignation, “Absolutely, positively not.”

At a press conference Thursday, Mulvaney tried to put a positive spin on Trump's selection of his Doral, Florida, golf resort to host next year's Group of Seven world summit. It was also an opportunity for Mulvaney demonstrate his ability to defend the president.

He struggled, in the process offering fresh fodder to critics

of a president already besieged by an impeachment inquiry.

Mulvaney asserted in the briefing that military aid to Ukraine was delayed partly because Trump wanted officials there to look into a security company hired by the Democratic National Committee that discovered that Russian agents had broken into the committee's network in 2016.

“The look back to what happened in 2016 certainly was part of the thing that he was

worried about in corruption with that nation,” Mulvaney told reporters. “Did he also mention to me in the past the corruption that related to the DNC server? Absolutely, no question about that.” Mulvaney continued: “That's why we held up the money.” Trump's personal lawyers quickly dissociated themselves from the chief of staff's comments.

Mulvaney's description of the administration's handling of the Ukraine aid amounted to a quid pro quo, though he later claimed his comments had been misconstrued.

“That's not what I said,” Mulvaney told “Fox News Sunday” as host Chris Wallace repeatedly confronted him with his own comments. “That's what people said that

I said.”

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo refused to defend the comments in an interview Sunday with ABC's “This Week.”

“I will leave to the chief of staff to explain what it is he said and what he intended,” Pompeo said.

Mulvaney is not aware of any effort to replace him, according to a person close to him who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal conversations. The president has also expressed his support for Mulvaney to the acting chief of staff's team, the person said. Press secretary Stephanie Grisham said Sunday afternoon that Mulvaney still has the confidence of the president.



AP

White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney announces that the G7 will be held at Trump National Doral, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, in Washington.

Mom accused of killing daughter who fulfilled ‘bucket list’

DENVER (AP)—A Colorado mother who sought donations to cover medical treatments for her daughter and promoted the girl's “bucket list” of dreams to fulfill before she died has been indicted on a murder charge in the 7-year-old's death that was previously believed to be from a terminal disease.

In a grand jury indictment revealed Monday, Kelly Renee Turner, 41, also known as Kelly Gant, was charged with 13 criminal counts that included child abuse, theft and charitable fraud in the death of Olivia Gant in 2017.

The indictment alleges Turner caused Olivia Gant's 2017 death, not the multiple illnesses that the mother claimed the girl had and that prompted publicized ride-alongs with police and fire crews. The Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to critically ill children, also paid about \$11,000 for a

“bat princess” costume party for her.

Turner was arrested Friday at a Denver-area hotel and held without bond, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office said. It is not clear if she has an attorney who could speak on her behalf.

Olivia's actual cause of death was not immediately clear. It was originally attributed to intestinal failure, according to the indictment issued Thursday and first reported Monday by KUSA-TV.

Her body was exhumed last year, and an autopsy found no physical evidence of that illness or other conditions that Turner claimed the girl suffered, including seizure disorder and a buildup of fluid in cavities deep within the brain. Olivia's death is now listed as undetermined.

Investigators say Olivia had been using a feeding tube and



Turner

was admitted in July 2017 to Children's Hospital Colorado, where doctors said her nutrition was deficient.

One doctor told investigators that Turner wanted to withdraw all medical care and artificial feeding for her daughter because her quality of life was so bad. He said she insisted that he sign a “do not resuscitate” order for her daughter.

Doctors had said Olivia wouldn't be able to survive on IV nutrition, and Turner was given the option of taking her home on hospice care, according to the indictment. Olivia died a few weeks later.

Several doctors who were interviewed said Olivia did not have a terminal condition. The girl started getting treatment at the hospital in 2013 after moving from Texas, where Turner's husband stayed behind.

The investigation into Olivia's death began after doctors at the hospital became suspicious last year after Turner brought in her older daughter because of “bone pain,” according to the indictment.

During an interview, investigators said Turner spontaneously brought up Munchausen syndrome by proxy, a psychological disorder in which parents or caregivers seek attention from the illness of their children or dependents and sometimes cause them injuries that require attention.

“That has never been my case, like at all, whatsoever,” she said in the interview.

During the investigation, authorities separated Turner from her older daughter to see if the girl would still report the same symptoms. The daughter has not had any additional medical problems or complaints of pain since October 2018, the indictment said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Second child dies after apartment fire in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Two small children died after they were left alone in a St. Louis apartment that caught fire and a woman is in custody while the blaze is investigated, authorities said. A 5-year-old girl died Monday at a hospital, a day after the blaze broke out at the Clinton-Peabody public housing complex. A 6-month-old boy was found dead by firefighters who responded to the blaze. A third child, a 4-year-old girl, is hospitalized in critical condition. Police have not disclosed the names of the woman or the children, or their relationship to each other. But fire officials said the children were left alone in the apartment. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the bomb and arson squads and child abuse detectives, police said. A neighbor, Chaz Isreal, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he was with friends in a nearby apartment when they realized there was a fire. They ran to the apartment building and one of the men kicked in the door.

Funeral rescheduled for woman fatally shot by police at home

DALLAS (AP)—The funeral has been rescheduled for a woman shot and killed in her home by a Fort Worth police officer. The service for Atiana Jefferson is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday at Concord Church in Dallas. That's after a settlement was reached Monday between members of Jefferson's family. Jefferson's father had obtained

a restraining order Friday to prevent a funeral scheduled for Saturday afternoon, forcing its postponement. But at a hearing Monday in Dallas, Jefferson's mother and three siblings intervened, asking Probate Court Judge Brenda Hull Thompson to dismiss the father's complaint. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that after Thompson issued a gag order, all sides negotiated for seven hours before reaching an agreement. The officer who shot Jefferson through a back window has resigned and been charged with murder.

Teachers union rebuffs Chicago mayor's request to end strike

CHICAGO (AP)—Mayor Lori Lightfoot wants the Chicago Teachers Union to call off its strike before there's agreement on a new contract, but the union isn't having any of it. In a letter to CTU President Jesse Sharkey, Lightfoot says the two sides have made progress but that since it is unclear that an agreement can be reached Monday, she encouraged the teachers to return to work while negotiations continue. The union's president, Jesse Sharkey, says that while he's confident that the strike could end this week, the city needs to commit to “new resources” before that happens. The district announced Monday afternoon that classes will be canceled for a fourth day on Tuesday. Teachers are demanding a salary increase, smaller class sizes and more librarians, nurses and other support staff.

Asia

Japan's Naruhito to proclaim himself emperor in palace rite

TOKYO (AP)—Emperor Naruhito visited three Shinto shrines at the Imperial Palace on Tuesday before proclaiming himself Japan's emperor in an enthronement ceremony.

The 59-year-old emperor put on a white robe and prayed at "Kashikodokoro" and two other shrines. The visits Tuesday morning are to report to gods ahead of the ceremony, to be attended by 2,000 guests from in and outside Japan.

The enthronement ceremony is the high point of succession rituals that began in May when Naruhito succeeded to the Chrysanthemum Throne after the abdication of Akihito, his father. Naruhito is the 126th emperor in the world's oldest hereditary monarchy that historians say goes back 1,500 years.

Enshrined at "Kashikodokoro" is the goddess Amaterasu, the mythological ancestress of Japan's emperors.

Naruhito, accompanied by palace staff in black robes holding up the imperial treasures of sword and jewel in a box and neatly wrapped in fabric, walked slowly to the first shrine, bowed deeply and went inside to pray. He was to make similar visits at two other shrines.

The proclamation is largely meant to allow the government to showcase the monarchy to win public support and to preserve Japan's cultural heritage, historians say.

The enthronement ceremony was originally mod-



In this image made from video, Japan's Emperor Naruhito stands on the Imperial Throne as Naruhito proclaims his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

eled after one by the ancient Tang dynasty of China and the second of a three-part process following the May succession. Next month sees the highly religious and divisive ritual of the Grand Harvest. Some experts have raised questions over the government's funding of 16 billion yen (\$150 million) for ceremonies that contain religious rites.

Criticism was largely eclipsed by the festive mood,

in part because Naruhito's succession was by abdication not by death, palace watchers said. Despite the time, effort and cost put into preparations, the ceremony is to last only 30 minutes.

At the main ceremony, Naruhito will wear a formal brownish-orange robe that has been dyed in sappanwood and Japanese wax tree bark and a black headdress decorated with an upright tail—as his

father did 30 years ago—in a ceremony at Matsu-no-ma, the Imperial Palace's most prestigious hall.

Later Tuesday, Naruhito and his wife Masako, a Harvard-educated former diplomat, will host a court banquet, to be attended by about 400 foreign dignitaries and representatives from Japan's administrative,

legislative and judicial branches and their spouses.

A parade originally planned for Tuesday afternoon has been postponed until Nov. 10 due to a deadly typhoon that caused flooding and other damage in central and northern Japan.

Naruhito and Masako have been warmly welcomed by the Japanese public, despite com-

parisons to their beloved predecessors. They made positive impressions by freely conversing with U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania during their visit weeks after Naruhito's succession in May, palace watchers say.

"I think people have high expectations for the emperor who is fluent in foreign language and internationalized," said historian and monarchy expert, Eiichi Miyashiro, also a journalist.

Naruhito is a historian, a viola player and an expert on water transport who studied at Oxford. Masako, a Harvard-educated diplomat, has struggled for more than a decade since developing "adjustment disorder" after giving birth to their only child, Princess Aiko, and facing pressure to produce a boy in Japan's monarchy that only allows male heirs.

A shortage of males in the royal family has raised succession concerns. Naruhito has an 83-year-old uncle and two potential heirs—his younger brother Crown Prince Akishino and a 13-year-old nephew, prompting calls for a debate, possibly to allow female emperors.

Abe and his ultra-conservative supporters who want to keep paternalistic family values insist on male-only succession, while a majority of the general public support allowing female emperors.

Hong Kong leaders apologize for water cannon use at mosque

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong officials apologized to Muslim leaders Monday after riot police sprayed a mosque and bystanders with a water cannon while trying to contain turbulent weekend pro-democracy demonstrations in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The city's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, and the police chief visited the Kowloon Mosque to apologize to the chief imam and Muslim community leaders.

Officials were scrambling to minimize the fallout from Sunday's incident at one of the city's most well-known religious sites.

The government said in a statement that Lam "extended an apology for the inadvertent spraying." Authorities called it an accident, but a bystander's account disputed that.

Muslim leaders told reporters they were satisfied with the apology.

"Our mosque is not dam-

aged, nothing is done wrong. Only thing is that they should have not done it. For that they apologized so we accept it," said Saeed Uddin, honorary secretary of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong.

Police also apologized later at a daily press briefing and said they had been contacting Muslim community leaders across the city.

"To any people or any groups that were affected, we offer our genuine apologies," said Cheuk Hau-yip, the Kowloon West regional commander. "We certainly do not have any malicious intent."

It was a rare case of authorities apologizing for how they've handled the protest movement, which erupted in early June and has expanded to include demands for police accountability and political reforms. Protesters seized on it as the latest example of what they call unnecessarily harsh police tactics

During Sunday's protest, a police water cannon truck that was passing by the mosque sprayed a stinging blue-dyed liquid at a handful of people standing in front of the mosque's gate, according to video of the incident by pro-democracy lawmaker Jeremy Tam.

The mosque's front steps, metal gate and sidewalk outside were stained with the blue liquid while people caught in the plume were left gagging, coughing and trying to rinse the solution from their eyes, the video shows.

Volunteers later arrived to help clean up the mosque, and by Monday morning the blue coating was largely gone.

Hong Kong is home to more than 300,000 Muslims, according to the Islamic Community Fund, which runs the city's five mosques and two Muslim cemeteries. They first arrived in the 19th century after being recruited in India by British colonizers.

Thai king strips his consort of royal titles for disloyalty

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's king has stripped his royal consort of her titles and military ranks for disloyalty, accusing her of seeking to undermine the position of his official wife, the country's queen, for her own benefit.

The royal command by 67-year-old King Maha Vajiralongkorn, made public Monday after he granted 34-year-old Sineenatra Wongvajirabhakdi the consort title, reviving an old palace tradition of taking a junior wife.

Sineenatra had her title of Chao Khun Phra Sineenatra Bilasakalayani withdrawn, along with other royal and military titles and decorations.

In May, the king named longtime companion Suthida Vajiralongkorn Na Ayudhya his queen when they were married a few days before his formal coronation. Vajiralongkorn assumed the throne after the 2016 death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for 70 years.

Monday's command con-

demned Sineenatra in harsh terms, concluding that her actions "are considered dishonorable, lacking gratitude, unappreciative of royal kindness, and driving a rift among the royal servants, making the royal misunderstanding among the people, and undermining the nation and the monarchy."

Both the 41-year-old Suthida and Sineenatra have served as senior officers in palace security units. Suthida was previously a flight attendant with Thai Airways, while Sineenatra was an army nurse.

Vajiralongkorn has seven children by three previous marriages, all of which ended in divorce.

The royal command went into unusual detail in explaining why the action was taken against Sineenatra.

It accused her of misbehaving by actively seeking to block Suthida's appointment as queen in order to take the position herself, and said that when she failed to block her rival, her "ambitions and aspirations" led her to continue to seek ways to promote herself.

The statement said the king tried to alleviate the problem and take pressure off the monarchy by appointing Sineenatra his official royal consort.

However, it said, "She wasn't satisfied with the royally bestowed position and still did everything to be equal to the queen."

Further describing her alleged transgressions, it said she took advantage of her position by falsely claiming royal prerogatives to order people around, "making people misunderstand her position to gain profit and popularity for herself" in a manner she hoped would lead to the king giving her a position equal to that of the queen.

"She wasn't satisfied with the royally bestowed position and still did everything to be equal to the queen," the statement said.

Sineenatra's most recent whereabouts have not been publicized, leading to rumors that she had fallen from grace. She had previously appeared openly in palace-issued media.

World

Canada's Trudeau appears set to hold onto government

TORONTO (AP)—Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appeared set to win a second term in Canada's national elections Monday, seemingly fending off a challenge from rival Conservatives despite having been weakened by a series of scandals.

Trudeau's Liberal party was projected to win the most seats in the 338-seat Parliament, giving it the best chance to form the next government. However, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation said it would be a minority government, forced to rely on an opposition party to stay in power.

"Trudeau is going to have to command a caucus that will not be as grateful than it was in 2015. A lot of them will say 'Look we won but not because of you,'" said Robert Bothwell, a professor of Canadian history and international relations at the University of Toronto.

The Canadian vote came down to what was essentially a choice between the handsome and charismatic Trudeau and the Conservatives' unassuming leader, Andrew Scheer, who was seen as the perfect antidote to Trudeau's flash and celebrity.

Trudeau reasserted liberalism in 2015 after almost 10 years of Conservative Party government in Canada, but a combination of scandals and high expectations damaged his prospects.

Perhaps sensing Trudeau was in trouble, Barack Obama made an unprecedented endorsement by a former American president in urging Canadians to re-elect Trudeau and saying the world needs his progressive leadership now.

Trudeau, son of the liberal icon and late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is

one of the few remaining progressive leaders in the world. He has been viewed as a beacon for liberals in the Trump era, even appearing on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine under the headline "Why Can't He Be Our President?"

But old photos of Trudeau in blackface and brownface surfaced last month, casting doubt on his judgment.

Scheer, 40, is a career politician who was seen as a possible antidote to Trudeau's flash. But Bothwell said late Monday that he expected Scheer to resign.

"He's gone," Bothwell said. "He ran a really dirty campaign. There is nothing to be proud of on his side. He had the opportunity and blew it."

Among other things, Scheer called Trudeau a phony who couldn't even remember how many times he had worn blackface.

Trudeau also was hurt by a scandal that erupted this year when his former attorney general said he pressured her to halt the prosecution of a Quebec company. Trudeau has said he was standing up for jobs, but the damage gave a boost to the Conservative Party.

Trudeau's Liberals will likely rely on the New Democrats to form a new government and stay in power.

"I'm surprised at how well Trudeau has done," said Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto. "I don't think anybody expected Trudeau to get a majority but they are not that far off."

Wiseman said he expected the New Democrats would largely support Trudeau, and other parties



Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau wave as they go on stage at Liberal election headquarters in Montreal, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

AP

won't be pushing for an election in the short term.

The Conservatives are deeply disappointed, Wiseman said.

"They had an opportunity here to win," he said.

Scheer had promised to end a national carbon tax and cut government spending, including foreign aid, by 25%. "That money belongs to you, not to them," Scheer said.

Trudeau embraced immigration at a time when the U.S. and other countries are closing their doors, and he legalized cannabis nationwide.

His efforts to strike a balance on the environment and the economy have been criticized by both the right and left. He brought in a carbon tax to fight climate change but rescued a stalled pipeline expansion project to get Alberta's oil to international markets.

His also negotiated a new free trade deal for Canada with the U.S. and Mexico amid threats by U.S. President Donald Trump to scrap it.

Pat Gill, a Vancouver retiree, said she voted for Trudeau.

"I think people know he's made some mistakes," said Gill, who is 74. "I'm hoping he's learned in the last four years. I still think he's our best bet."

New blow to Johnson's Brexit plan after vote on deal blocked

LONDON (AP)—Britain faced another week of grinding political gridlock after Prime Minister Boris Johnson was denied a chance Monday to hold a vote by lawmakers on his Brexit divorce bill.

With just 10 days before Britain's scheduled departure date, Johnson's government had sought a "straight up-and-down vote" on the agreement he struck last week with the 27 other EU nations laying out the terms of Britain's exit.

But the speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, refused to allow it because lawmakers voted to delay approving the Brexit deal on Saturday, and parliamentary rules bar the same measure from being considered a second time during a session of Parliament unless something has changed.

Bercow's ruling plunged the tortuous Brexit process back into grimly familiar territory. The government must now try to implement its Plan B—attempt to pass a Brexit-implementing bill through Britain's fractious Parliament before the country's scheduled Oct. 31 departure date.

Bercow—whose rulings in favor of backbench lawmakers have stymied government plans more than once before—said the motion proposed by the government was "in substance the same" as the one Parliament dealt with on Saturday. He said it would be

"repetitive and disorderly" to allow a new vote Monday.

On Saturday—Parliament's first weekend sitting since the 1982 Falklands War—lawmakers voted to make support for the Brexit deal conditional on passing the legislation to implement it.

Johnson's Conservative government will now try to do that. The government published the 115-page bill late Monday, will hold the first vote on it Tuesday and hopes to have it become law by Oct. 31.

But it's unclear whether Johnson has either the time or the numbers to make that happen.

Passing a bill usually takes weeks, but the government wants to get this one done in 10 days. Johnson needs a majority in Parliament to pass it, but his Conservatives hold just 288 of the 650 House of Commons seats.

The process also gives lawmakers another chance to scrutinize—and possibly change—the legislation.

Opposition lawmakers plan to seek amendments that could substantially alter the bill, for example by adding a requirement that the Brexit deal be put to voters in a new referendum. The government says such an amendment would wreck its legislation and it will withdraw the bill if it succeeds.

Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay urged lawmakers to back the bill

and—more than three years after British voters narrowly voted to leave the EU—"enable us to move onto the people's priorities like health, education and crime."

"This is the chance to leave the EU with a deal on Oct. 31," he said. "If Parliament wants to respect the referendum, it must back the bill."

With the Brexit deadline looming and British politicians still squabbling over the country's departure terms, Johnson has been forced to ask the EU for a three-month delay to Britain's departure date.

He did that, grudgingly, to comply with a law passed by Parliament ordering the government to postpone Brexit rather than risk the economic damage that could come from a no-deal exit. But Johnson accompanied the unsigned letter to the EU late Saturday with a second note saying that he personally opposed delaying Brexit.

Pro-EU activists, who took the government to court in Scotland to ensure that it complied with the law, said the second letter might amount to an attempt to frustrate the legislation. Scotland's highest court said Monday it would keep the case open, retaining the power to censure Johnson's government until its obligations under the law have been complied with "in full."

More violent clashes in Chile as many line up for food

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Protesters defied an emergency decree and confronted police in Chile's capital Monday, continuing violent clashes, arson and looting that have left at least 12 dead and led the president to say the country is "at war."

Police used tear gas and streams of water to break up a march by hundreds of students and union members on one of Santiago's main streets, but demonstrators who at first dispersed later reformed elsewhere.

Meanwhile, police and soldiers guarded Chileans who formed long lines outside supermarkets before they reopened after many closed during a weekend during which dozens of stores were looted or burned.

Only one of the city's six subway lines was operating because rioters had burned or damaged many of the stations, and officials said it could take weeks or months to fully restore service.

Some 2 million students were forced to stay home from classes and many people were unable to reach jobs.

Conservative President Sebastián Piñera said Sunday night that the country is "at war with a power-

ful, relentless enemy that respects nothing or anyone and is willing to use violence and crime without any limits." But he did not identify a specific enemy.

After receiving criticism for his comments, he said Monday that he would meet with members of his administration and the opposition "to explore and hopefully advance toward a social agreement ... to a better solution for the problems that affect Chileans."

The government is also working on a reconstruction plan that would cover the hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure damaged during the protests, Piñera said.

His predecessor as president, Michelle Bachelet, issued a statement calling for dialogue and urging all sides to work "toward solutions that contribute to calming the situation."

Now the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Bachelet called for an investigation into all acts, by government or protesters, that have caused injuries and death.

The protests have shaken a nation noted for economic stability over the past decades, which has seen steadily declining poverty despite persistent high rates of inequality.

Focus

'Just too much': Meet the uber-rich who want a WEALTH TAX

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Ian Simmons, co-founder and principal of Blue Haven Initiative, poses at his office in Cambridge, Mass., Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. A handful of billionaires and multimillionaires are making a renewed push for the government to raise their taxes and siphon away some of their holdings.

WASHINGTON (AP)—When the grand vacation homes of Newport Beach were empty on a beautiful Memorial Day weekend, Molly Munger decided it was time for the U.S. to consider taxing wealth.

As her family's boat moved through the harbor a few years ago, Munger, whose father is a billionaire investor, saw that many of her neighbors' houses were sitting dark and vacant. She knew why: The owners now controlled enough money to holiday at one of their several other luxury homes. It didn't sit right, she said.

"It's just too much to watch that happen at the top and see what is happening at the bottom," said Munger, 71, a California civil rights lawyer whose father, Charlie, built his fortune as vice chairman of Warren Buffett's firm Berkshire Hathaway. "Isn't it a waste when beautiful homes on the beach are empty for most of the summer?"

Munger is now among a handful of billionaires and multimillionaires making a renewed push for the government to raise their taxes and siphon away some of their holdings. As Democratic presidential candidates debate a new tax on wealth rather than on incomes, this group of uber-rich people is urging them on.

"I believe in free markets. I'm the daughter of a capitalist. But not Darwin-like free, unregulated and red in tooth and claw," Munger said.

The chief argument from these ty-

coons, financiers and scions is that the government could spend their money more effectively than they could on their own by improving schools, upgrading infrastructure and protecting the environment. It challenges a long-standing belief among many politicians and economists that lower taxes on corporations and investment incomes are the most efficient way to deliver growth and spread wealth down the income ladder.

The idea also is a direct challenge to the reputed billionaire in the White House, Donald Trump, who once backed a wealth tax but in 2017 enacted a dramatic tax cut that favored the rich.

Twenty people, including one who remained anonymous, signed on to a letter this summer essentially asking to be taxed more. The group included financier George Soros, Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes and heiress Abigail Disney, and others often involved in liberal causes. Bill Gates, the world's second richest person, didn't sign it but has since said he "wouldn't be against a wealth tax" on a net worth that roughly exceeds \$100 billion.

While Democrats have long pushed for higher taxes on the top income tiers, the current debate goes further — whether to impose annual taxes on what people own, not just on what they earn.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has endorsed a wealth tax on holdings above \$50 million that could potentially raise as much as \$2.75 trillion over 10 years. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' tax would start at \$32 million. At last week's presi-

dential debate, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, expressed openness to levying a wealth tax, while Tom Steyer argued for higher taxes on his own \$1.6 billion fortune.

There were some detractors: Tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang argues wealth taxes in other nations have failed to raise enough revenues.

Former Vice President Joe Biden criticized the Warren and Sanders plans as "demonizing wealth" and argued instead for focusing on income taxes and raising the rates charged on earnings from investments.

Biden's view is backed by many in the economic establishment, even those who say they support using the tax code to counter income inequality.

Larry Summers, the former treasury secretary and Harvard University president, argues a wealth tax is essentially unworkable. The richest Americans would find ways to avoid it, making it difficult to implement and unlikely to break the hold on politics by powerful companies and rich donors, he said Friday at a panel on wealth taxes at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. Summers estimates that changes to the income tax could raise more than \$2 trillion over 10 years from the top earners, but he doubts that a wealth tax would curb the influence of the richest Americans.

But the economists who developed the idea dispute the notion that tax avoidance is an unbreakable law of nature. Wealthier Americans paid taxes in the past when tax avoidance was viewed as freeloading, said Em-

manuel Saez, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley whose work has drawn attention to the wealth tax as a fix for worsening inequality.

"The tax system reflects the values of society," he said.

The top 1% of Americans hold nearly 40% of the country's wealth, while the bottom 50% of Americans effectively control none of it, according to the World Inequality Database, an index Saez helped develop. Many in the wealthiest sliver of that top 1% pay lower rates than most Americans because of how their income gets taxed, according to his calculations.

Ian Simmons is among the well-off declaring they're ready to pay more.

Simmons runs an investment fund called the Blue Haven Initiative with his wife, Liesel Pritzker Simmons. The 43-year-old joined the effort to recruit other moneyed families to support a wealth tax in the June letter.

The idea of taxing a relatively steady base of trillions of dollars felt consistent to Simmons with what he first learned at the Harvard University introductory economics class taught by Martin Feldstein, who was President Ronald Reagan's economic adviser.

"This is really a conservative position about increasing the stability of the economy in the long term and having an efficient source of taxation," he said.

Simmons' family money came in part from mail order retailer Montgomery Ward, which opened in 1872, an innovation aided by the U.S. Postal Service. The Hyatt hotel chain that helped form his wife's family for-

tune was aided by the government's construction of the interstate highway system.

That's part of the reason he supports a wealth tax — because his family's fortune stems in part from government programs, echoing Warren's key argument for her tax plan.

When Simmons called the retired real estate developer Robert Bowditch this year to endorse the idea, the 80-year-old did the math on what it would mean for his own lifestyle. He figured it would cut into some of his charitable giving, but the returns would be much greater because the public would be able to decide in a democratic fashion on how the money would be spent.

"Charitable giving by itself simply cannot provide enough money to support public goods and services, such as public education, roads and bridges, clean air," Bowditch said. "It has to be done by taxes."

Rich people have had limited success as advocates for tax hikes. In 2011, billionaire Buffett's declaration that he paid a lower tax rate than his employees spawned President Barack Obama's proposal to raise rates on people making more than \$1 million. The so-called "Buffett rule" fizzled in Congress.

In 1999, when Trump was mulling a presidential bid for the Reform Party, he proposed a one-time tax of 14.25% on fortunes above \$10 million, saying at the time that it could eliminate the national debt.

"It's a win-win for the American people," Trump said then. Asked if the president still supports the idea, the White House did not respond.

Good Housekeeping

ON GARDENING

Monsoon Mixer and Hawaiian Big Kahuna provided a summer full of enjoyment

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Monsoon Mixer and Hawaiian Big Kahuna were two plants that brought us a load of tropical joy during a long growing season that started with monsoonal rains and finished with what is now being called a flash drought. Tropical hibiscus has a way of awakening those island thoughts that lie dormant in the hidden parts of the mind. Monsoon Mixer and Creole Lady are both names given to one of the most beautiful and unique hibiscus plants, on the planet.

You may wonder what is so hot about Monsoon Mixer; does it change colors or something? The answer is, yes, it does. It offers rare colors and patterns that gardeners everywhere are sure to love, whether they have a tropical climate or a growing season that only lasts a few months.

Not since Rum Runner, have I been so thrilled with the change of colors in a hibiscus bloom. You will always see multiple colors in the flowers but in the morning, it starts with a deeply saturated coral surrounding a lavender swirled throat.

Of course, you want to shoot photos because by noon, or shortly thereafter, the coral becomes a bright gold with a throat showing hints of blue mixed with the lavender. By late afternoon it is soft yellow, with



Monsoon Mixer offers rare colors for the garden.



Hawaiian Big Kahuna is monolithic in size.



Monsoon Mixer is a tropical hibiscus that changes colors throughout the day. This photographed was taken at 1:42.



Monsoon Mixer is a tropical hibiscus that changes colors throughout the day. This photographed was taken at 12:22.

a shade of blue and an inner throat of lavender-pink.

It is a little pot luck on the colors you will see during the hours of the day, coupled with the changing patterns of sunlight and shortening day length. This is the hibiscus that truly patterns the quote from the "Forest Gump" movie, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you'll get."

Hawaiian Big Kahuna is different, its color stays the same. I should say colors as you will see a soft yellow gold around the margins followed by

a large swath of white partnered with a deep burgundy throat. The most noteworthy trait is that it lives up to its name, it truly is monolithic in size.

I remember the first time I saw a hummingbird feeding on the flowers I thought the hummers were babies or miniature but in reality, the flowers are just monstrous. Even one flower will stop you in your tracks but imagine with several open at once.

No matter where you live there is a season for the tropical hibiscus. It belongs in the landscape whether combined with bananas, cannas, elephant


ears, or grandma's cottage garden. The requirements are much like any other annual we grow. Plant your hibiscus in well-drained, well-prepared beds because they absolutely cannot take wet feet, but use a good layer of mulch to keep the soil evenly moist through the season and, of course, to make weed control easier.

Choose a site with plenty of sunlight. Morning sun and filtered afternoon light are just about perfect in our state. Hibiscus blooms on new growth so it is important to keep it growing vigorously throughout the season.

Keep them well-fed and watered during drought periods.

If you are growing hibiscus in containers during the summer, they must be watered daily. Keep in mind that the nutrients quickly leach from the soil. You will have to apply a dilute, water-soluble fertilizer weekly or add time-released granules per formula recommendation.

The hibiscus brought my family great joy in the summer of 2019 and we will be growing them next year, too. I hope you'll look for Monsoon Mixer. Hawaiian Big Kahuna and at least keep your eyes out for those special varieties that will be available at your garden center.



The Garden Bug

If a frost kills your pumpkin plant with a green pumpkin still on it, you can try to ripen it. Cut it off the vine, leaving at least 4" of the vine at the top to prevent rotting.

Unripened pumpkins Gently wash away any dirt, dry it, then wipe it with diluted bleach. Set the pumpkin in a warm, dry spot, facing the green side towards the sun for ripening. If the whole pumpkin is green, rotate it from time to time.

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Life & Style

'Abominable' to skip Malaysia theaters over disputed sea map

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—The animated movie "Abominable" will skip Malaysian theaters after producers decided against cutting out a scene showing a map supporting Chinese claims to the disputed South China Sea.

Vietnam already pulled the U.S.-Chinese production from theaters over a fleeting image of the so-called nine-dash line, a vague and broken outline depicting much of the resource-rich sea as Chinese territory. China's claims to the sea overlap with claims by Vietnam, Malaysia and other Asian governments.

Malaysian film distributor United International Pictures said in a brief statement Monday that "Universal has decided not to make the censor cut required by the Malaysian censor board and as such will not be able to release the film in Malaysia," where it was due in theaters on Nov. 7. It declined to give further details.

Universal is the parent company of DreamWorks Animation, which co-produced the movie with China-based Pearl Studio. "Abominable," which has nothing to do with the territorial dispute, is about a Chinese girl who helps a yeti get back to its home on Mount Everest.

The most dangerous celebrity online

Actress Alexis Bledel has been bookish and sweet on "Gilmore Girls" and "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." But the actress herself is now officially dangerous.

Cybersecurity firm McAfee on Monday crowned Bledel the most dangerous celebrity on the internet in 2019. No other celebrity was more likely to land users on websites that carry viruses or malware.

Trailing Bledel at No. 2 is talk show host James Corden, followed by "Game of Thrones" star Sophie Turner, actress Anna Kendrick, movie star Lupita Nyong'o, talk show star Jimmy Fallon, martial arts master Jackie Chan, the rappers Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj, and fi-

nally Marvel actress Tessa Thompson at No. 10.

The survey is meant to highlight the danger of clicking on suspicious links. Bad actors will attach malware and malicious links to famous names, hoping fans searching for videos on the internet will fall victim. McAfee urges internet users to consider risks associated with searching for pirated content and always apply updated security fixes.

"Consumers may not be fully aware that the searches they conduct pose risk, nor may they understand the detrimental effects that can occur when personal information is compromised in exchange for access to their favorite celebrities, movies, TV shows or mu-



Bledel

sic," Gary Davis, chief consumer security evangelist at McAfee, said in a statement.

Davis explained that Bledel and Turner likely landed on the list this year due to their respective roles in the popular shows "The Handmaid's Tale" on Hulu and "Game of Thrones" on HBO, both subscriber-based services.

Talk show hosts Corden and Fallon probably landed on the list due to viral videos of their shows, while interest in "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" likely put Nyong'o so high. Lil Wayne's summer tour with Blink-182 may have prompted fans to search for illegal downloads.

Chan's name on the list may be

a surprise since he has kept a relatively low profile of late, but Davis explained that rumors circulated this year that the actor might return to the big screen in "Rush Hour 4" and "The Karate Kid 2." His team denied the gossip, but cybercriminals jumped in, hoping to "target fans who were overcome by nostalgia and less cautious about their personal security."

Bledel takes over top spot from Ruby Rose, who led last year's list largely because of interest in her playing Batwoman. This year's list also indicates interest in reality stars may have waned. Kristen Cavallari and Kourtney Kardashian, who both found themselves in last year's top 10 list, dropped to No. 214 and No. 222, respectively. (AP)

Duchess of Sussex calls 1st year of marriage difficult

LONDON (AP)—The Duchess of Sussex says her first year of marriage to Britain's Prince Harry has been difficult because of the pressure from Britain's tabloid press.

The former Meghan Markle told ITV in an interview broadcast Sunday that her British friends warned her not to marry the prince because of the intense media scrutiny that would follow in his country. But the U.S. television star said she "naively" dismissed the warnings, because as an

American she didn't understand how the British press worked.

"I never thought this would be easy but I thought it would be fair. And that is the part that is hard to reconcile," she said. "But (I) just take each day as it comes."

The royal couple revealed their struggles with the media during the ITV documentary "Harry & Meghan: An African Journey," which followed them on a recent tour of Southern Africa. Both said they had

struggled with the spotlight, particularly because they say much of what is printed is untrue.

The pressure was aggravated by the fact that the duchess was a newlywed, then pregnant and then a new mother.

"Any woman, especially when they're pregnant, you're really vulnerable. And so that was made really challenging, and then when you have a newborn, you know?" she said, adding that it was a struggle.

Later she added: "I would say thank you for asking, because not many people have asked if I'm OK, but it's a very real thing to be going through behind the scenes."

The 35-year-old Harry did acknowledge there have been some differences between him and his older brother, 37-year-old Prince William, although he said most of what has been printed about a rift between the two has been "created out of nothing."

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

† Ursula I. Lifoifoi Aldan



Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our family and friends for the love, support and prayers during our time of sorrow. We are so humbled and comforted to know how loved our dear Ursula (Nana) was. She was the rock of our family.

Nana was diagnosed with Stage IV ovarian cancer in June 2019. She was referred to Sharp Hospital in San Diego and spent the remainder of her life there. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses of Sharp Hospital, Kat Ford, Sharp Global Liaisons, Frank & Jennifer Pangelinan, Serferino "Serf" Concepcion, Ramon Cepeda, Nana's sister - Edwina Taitano Ngotel, Meling Duenas, Carmen Igisomar, Ana "Koichi" Borja, Coco & Scotty Ikehara, Jesse & Pia Borja, Congressman Marco & Kina Peter, Tasi & Belvilyn Fleming, Nana's brother - Frank & Vicki Taitano, Jeremy Taitano, Leonora "Leni" Igitol Warren, Elena Massena, Amparo Quitugua, Ryo Takahara, Reyna Tebuteb and Towneplace Suites Tech Way, San Diego staff for everything you have selflessly done for Nana and our family. We would also like to thank Jayson Aldan, Lianza

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We love every one of you so much. Each of you played a huge role in Nana's life and we can never thank you enough. Life will never be the same, but you all have helped create our path to healing. She would've been 64 on October 22 and because of that, we affectionately share her picture and a huge CHEERS! Robert Mondavi Club forever!

Si yu'us ma'ase,
FRANK "BOY" ALDAN, THE GIRLS, AND FAMILY

SECOND YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory

We, the family of the late

JOESEY JAY SABLAN MARATITA

November 27, 1976 – November 1, 2017

Would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the Second Year Death Anniversary of our beloved son, father, and brother.

Daily mass will be offered beginning Thursday, October 24th through Friday, November 1st.

Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 24 th	6:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish
Friday, October 25 th	6:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish
Saturday, October 26 th	6:00 p.m.	San Antonio Parish
Sunday, October 27 th	8:00 a.m.	San Antonio Parish
Monday, October 28 th	6:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish
Tuesday, October 29 th	6:00 p.m.	San Antonio Parish
Wednesday, October 30 th	6:00 p.m.	San Antonio Parish
Thursday, October 31 st	6:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish
Friday, November 1 st	6:00 p.m.	St. Jude Parish

Your presence, thoughts, and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank you
Melchor and Isabel Maratita, Children and Family

Final ‘Rise of Skywalker’ trailer debuts

NEW YORK (AP)—The final trailer for the “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” debuted Monday night, offering montages of epic cosmic combat and a fleeting glimpse of the late

Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia embracing Daisy Ridley’s Rey. The spot generally struck an elegiac note of finality. “The Rise of Skywalker,” which opens Dec. 20, is the

last chapter in the now nine-part Skywalker saga. Even C-3PO appears wistful, saying he’s taking “one last look at my friends” presumably before the film’s climactic

showdown. The trailer debuted on what would have been Fisher’s 63rd birthday. Fisher, who died in 2016 at the age of 60, appears in the film in a performance

pieced together through unused footage from “The Force Awakens.” In the trailer, a tear streams down Rey’s face as they hug. There have been two previous sneak-peeks for “The Rise of Skywalker,” with a full trailer previously premiering at Star Wars Celebration, a promotional fan event held in April. It and the initial teaser have already racked up more than 53 million views on YouTube.

montage of elemental contrasts including an island of ice and rain-drenched lightsaber battles—suggested conclusion is coming to the galaxy far, far away, “Star Wars” is light years away from ending.

Multiple new trilogies are being developed. Among other spinoffs, the Jon Favreau-directed series “The Mandalorian” will debut next month on Disney’s new streaming service, Disney Plus.

Monday’s trailer coincided with tickets going on sale for “The Rise of Skywalker.” Atom Tickets said the film sold more tickets in its first hour than any movie in its seven-year history, besting “Avengers: Endgame.”

Fashion show lets Down syndrome models strut their stuff

NEW YORK (AP)—One model sashayed down the runway with a leather jacket and a guitar, basking in applause from the crowd. Another danced and strutted in a multicolored bomber coat.

A toddler had a little help with her modeling turn, holding on to an adult as she wore a peach outfit with a tutu. And another young woman wore a leopard coat over a T-Shirt with the message: “Go Love Yourself.”

Though New York’s Fashion Week wrapped more than a month ago, there was plenty of fierce fashion at the second annual “Gigi’s Playhouse Fashion Show” on Wednesday, an event that allows young people with Down syndrome to share their talent.

Gigi’s Playhouse is a national education and achievement center that prepares young people with Down syndrome, from infants to teens, to engage more fully in their homes, schools and communities. Eileen McClary, an associate for the New York chapter and director of the fashion



This image from video taken on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 shows a boy participating in the 2nd annual “Gigi’s Playhouse Fashion Show” in New York.

show, said the event was an effort to let its members be advocates for the center.

“I think it’s clear from all of the models that it was a wild success, and it kind of blends the two intersections of my life, which are philanthropy and fashion,” she said.

Laura Lyle, 16, one of the models, was beaming after the show.

“It was really fun. I loved walking down, showing everybody the outfits, and I feel like we’re making a difference,” she said.

Malik Jabbar, 15, who modeled last year, said some of the participants may have found their next calling. “We walked down the aisle, we see beautiful faces, and the smiles on (all of) us,” he said. “In the future,

we’ll all become the next top 10 models.”

An after-party helped raise money for the chapter. While there were lots of hands needed to put on the event, including Gigi’s Playhouse staff, Bloomingdale’s and volunteers, McClary said seeing all the happy faces on the catwalk and in the audience made it all worth it.

‘Maleficent: Mistress of Evil’ claims No. 1 over ‘Joker’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Walt Disney Co.’s “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” knocked “Joker” out of the No. 1 spot at the box office, but just barely.

Studios on Sunday say the film starring Angelina Jolie and Elle Fanning grossed an estimated \$36 million in North America and \$117 million internationally in its first weekend in theaters. The first film had a much stronger domestic showing, opening to nearly \$70 million domestically in 2014, and the sequel was expected to earn more stateside. Although

“It’s not as strong as we hoped domestically, but it’s a good start for October and we have a great window leading into Halloween,” said Cathleen Taff, Disney’s president of theatrical distribution. “Most encouraging is the fact that audiences seem to be responding very positively.”

The A CinemaScore—in contrast to the mixed critical reviews—suggests that the film could have a longer life at the box office.

Although it fell to second place after two weekends at the top, Warner Bros.’ “Joker”

continues to hold strong at the box office. It added \$29.2 million in its third weekend in North America. The villain origin story has grossed over \$247 million domestically. Worldwide, it’s earned \$737.5 million, and has already surpassed the lifetime grosses of “Justice League” and “Suicide Squad.”

Now the big question is whether the R-rated film will make it to \$1 billion, but with a \$55 million production budget, it’s already a massive hit for the studio and will likely also become director Todd Phillips’ highest-grossing film too.

“It’s already in territory that nobody thought it would get to. It’s achieved a box office that is above the wildest expectations of the studio

and analysts,” said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore’s senior media analyst. “Even if the box office stopped right now it’s an absolute, unqualified success.”

Third place went to another new sequel, Columbia Pictures’ “Zombieland: Double Tap” with \$26.7 million. The R-rated comedy comes 10 years after the original, reuniting Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone and Woody Harrelson with director Ruben Fleischer.

“Three films earning over \$25 million, that doesn’t happen very often,” Dergarabedian noted, although the weekend is down from last year when “Halloween” opened to over \$76 million.

In notable landmarks, “Hustlers” crossed \$100 million do-

mestically this weekend. It’s the second STX film to do so this year after “The Upside.”

And buzzy, awards-friendly indies are continuing to thrive. “Parasite,” which opened last weekend, added \$1.2 million. This weekend, Taika Waititi’s Nazi satire “Jojo Rabbit” opened in five theaters with a strong \$350,000, the black and white Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe mindbender “The Lighthouse” earned \$419,764 from eight theaters, and “Jay & Silent Bob Reboot” grossed \$93,520 from one screen this weekend.

But the year is still down 5% from last year.

“It was a great weekend for sequels and great weekend for indie movies,” Dergarabedian said. “But we’re still struggling to get ahead of last year. We’re racing to the finish line here. We’ve only got 11 weekends left to go.”

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil,” \$36 million (\$117 million international).	6. “Abominable,” \$3.5 million (\$9.2 million international).
2. “Joker,” \$29.5 million (\$77.8 million international).	7. “Downton Abbey,” \$3.1 million (\$2.5 million international).
3. “Zombieland: Double Tap,” \$26.7 million (\$5.3 million international).	8. “Judy,” \$2.1 million (\$1.3 million international).
4. “The Addams Family,” \$16.1 million.	9. “Hustlers,” \$2.1 million (\$3 million international).
5. “Gemini Man,” \$8.5 million (\$33.4 million international).	10. “It: Chapter Two,” \$1.5 million.

Louvre exhibit acclaims Da Vinci

PARIS (AP)—Much about Leonardo Da Vinci remains an enigma: the smile of the “Mona Lisa”; why the world’s most famous painter left so many works unfinished; and more recently, who bought the contentious “Salvator Mundi.”

A new exhibit at the Louvre, however, opening Thursday and marking the 500th anniversary of the Italian master’s death, tries to sketch out as complete a picture of the artist and thinker as possible.

Drawing from the Louvre’s permanent collection and institutions around the world, the exhibit brings together some 160 works. They include Da Vinci masterpieces, dozens of studies and scientific sketches, and pieces by other artists in Da Vinci’s orbit. Visitors can also experience a virtual reality portion of the exhibit that delves into the story behind the “Mona Lisa.”

“We wished, in order to pay homage to the artist, to be able to show the entirety of Leonardo Da Vinci’s career and his development and to explain, ultimately, the sense of his life,” curator Vincent Delieuvin told The Associated Press.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 24, 2020. Visitors must reserve tickets online in advance, and the Louvre said it has already pre-sold 220,000 tickets as of Monday morning.

More than 10 years in the making, the project began when Louis Frank, the exhibit’s other curator, translated a Renaissance-era Da Vinci biography to round out existing knowledge about the painter’s life. That biographical emphasis is evident in the exhibit’s design, which traces the artist’s trajectory from his apprenticeship with Florentine sculptor Andrea del Verocchio to his death in France in 1519.

With a whole room devoted to his scientific pursuits, it seeks to capture the quest for knowledge and perfection of a man Delieuvin called “a universal genius.”

“Leonardo Da Vinci, he is one of those rare men, those personalities who fascinate us, because he was universal,” Delieuvin said. “He had an interest in all aspects of nature, we all see ourselves in his personality.”

“Mathematicians, geometry specialists, doctors, artists, everyone sees a part of themselves in Leonardo,” he added.

Iconic Las Vegas wedding chapel no longer up for sale

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The owner of a Las Vegas chapel where celebrity couples like Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner have gotten married is staying wedded to her business.

Charlotte Richards told KVUU-TV on Wednesday that she is taking A Little White Wedding Chapel off the market.

The iconic property had been listed for \$12 million in April. Richards says she received

one offer but declined it. After more consideration, she has decided to hold onto the business she operated since 1951.

The chapel has become a Sin City icon over the years hosting quickie wedding ceremonies including for pop singer Britney Spears in 2004.

“Game of Thrones” actress Turner and singer Jonas married there in May.

Fire hits UNESCO royal stables in Italian city of Turin

ROME (AP)—Firefighters say a fire has burned about one-fourth of the roof of Turin's Cavallerizza Reale, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the center of the northern Italian city, hitting an area of

the building once used for the royal stables.

Firefighters rushed to the scene early Monday and managed to put out the flames. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still un-

known.

According to Adriana Rinaldi, a spokeswoman at the scene, the fire started around 8 a.m. and burned through a portion of the roof before firefighters were able to put it out.

Teams are still trying to secure the area.

The building was abandoned in the past few years.

Another fire hit the same part of the site in 2014.



AP
Firefighters put out a fire on the rooftop of the Cavallerizza Reale, in Turin, northern Italy, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

Actor Alec Baldwin to campaign for Virginia Democrats

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Actor Alec Baldwin, known for his mocking impersonations of President Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live," is coming to Virginia to help Democratic legislative candidates.

Baldwin is set to knock on doors, make calls and deliver piz-

za to volunteers at multiple stops around Virginia on Tuesday.

The progressive advocacy group People for the American Way helped organize the trip. Baldwin is a board member of the group and has been an outspoken critic of Trump.

Virginia is one of only four states holding legislative elec-

tions this year and the only one where partisan control of the legislature is up for grabs. National groups view Virginia as a warmup to the 2020 presidential cycle and are pouring money into the state.

Several other celebrities have been urging Virginians to vote.

'Captain America' Chris Evans helps dedicate youth theater

CONCORD, Mass. (AP)—"Captain America" actor Chris Evans returned to his native Massachusetts this weekend to help dedicate the new home of a youth theater company where as a youngster he honed his acting skills.

Evans, wearing a Boston

Red Sox hat, helped cut the ribbon Saturday at the Concord Youth Theatre's new permanent home.

Evans, who grew up in nearby Sudbury, acted in Concord Youth Theatre productions starting when he was 9 years old. His mother, Lisa Evans, is

the theater's director.

He said the theater was "a place to feel safe and take risks and explore what would ultimately be my career."

The new building has seating for more than 200. Concord Youth Theatre will debut its new space with "Godspell" this week.



AP
In this Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 photo, actor Chris Evans and his mother Lisa Evans, director of the Concord Youth Theatre, laugh inside the theater's new permanent home in Concord, Mass.

Sen Martha McSally of Arizona has a book coming out next May

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Martha McSally, the Arizona Republican appointed to the seat once held by John McCain, has a book deal.

William Morrow announced Monday that McSally's "Dare to Fly" is coming out next May. Like McCain, who died in 2018, the 53-year-old McSally has a military background. She was the first female fighter pilot to fly in combat and was deployed

multiple times in the Middle East and Afghanistan before retiring in 2010. In a statement Monday, McSally said hoped her story would inspire others, men and women, "at all stages of life."

"Like many others, I experienced tragedies and barriers in my own life that could have derailed me," she said. "But I was able to find strength and courage by taking risks, challenging stereotypes, and dar-

ing to fly."

McSally served two terms in Congress and was defeated in 2018 for the Senate before Arizona Governor Doug Ducey chose her for McCain's former seat. Her book arrives during an election year when she is expected to face strong competition from former astronaut Mark Kelly, the likely Democratic nominee, for serving the remainder of McCain's term, which ends in 2022.

Jennifer Lawrence marries art dealer Cooke Maroney

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence got married over the weekend in Rhode Island during a ceremony and reception studded with Hollywood stars.

The "Hunger Games" star tied the knot with New York art dealer Cooke Maroney on Saturday at a Newport, Rhode Island, mansion.

Lawrence's publicist confirmed to The Associated Press that the wedding took place, but did not provide additional details.

People.com reports that Emma Stone, Kris Jenner and Amy Schumer were among



Lawrence

the, which is owned by Carolyn Rafaelian, owner and founder of the jewelry company Alex and Ani.

The Newport Daily News reports that about 100 fans stood outside the mansion hoping to catch a glimpse of a celebrity.

Long lost father is found, but then quickly lost again

DEAR ABBY: I grew up not knowing who my biological father was. When I met him for the first time, I was 18. When we met, I felt I had found a piece of who I was. I loved him immediately, as if I had known him my whole life.

We talked and hung out for the next four months until I moved in with him to escape an abusive relationship. I was pregnant at the time and spent half my pregnancy living with him, my stepmother, half-brother and stepbrother. I moved back in with my mom a few months later.

Since then, my father has cut me off. I have been trying so hard to get him to talk to me. He hasn't met my son yet, rarely responds to my texts and never answers my calls. I have invited him to every birthday party, sent him cards for every holiday, begged him to see me and my son. It's been four years now, and I'm heartbroken.

I miss him so much. I feel like a piece of my heart has been ripped out. My grandmother told me that because my older half-sister left with her kids without saying goodbye to him, it broke his heart, and he is afraid I will do the same. What should I do?

MISSING MY DAD IN NEW YORK

DEAR MISSING: Not knowing your father, it's hard to guess his reason for distancing himself from you and his grandchild. It does appear that he is punishing you for

something. Could he have been hurt or angry that you chose to live with your mother rather than stay with him and your stepmother?

Because it has been four years, you may have to accept that this estrangement will be permanent and find a way to cope with the loss. If you have a religious adviser, start there.

DEAR ABBY: My roommate loves watching documentaries about serial killers, psychopaths and other criminals. I don't like them. To me it feels like a glorification of a person who did evil.

On the flip side, I watch tons of spy movies, superhero movies and action films that depict violence. But the distinction lies in that what I watch is fiction. Usually the good guys win, and if they don't, it's temporary.

My roommate gets really mad when I watch or even talk about the movies I watch, but becomes really defensive when I compare them to what she watches. My roommate is very fragile emotionally and cries, withdraws and shuts down when I do this. The last time, she insinuated I was less of a person for liking these things. Ultimately, I felt sorry for bringing it up, and she still refuses to acknowledge that we are allowed to like different things without being bad people.

I need to know how to bring up that how she responds to the things I like hurts me, and communicate that I have nothing against what she watches, even if it's not my taste. How can I

DEAR ABBY

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communicate my feelings without feeling like I'm being insensitive for asking her to stop berating me?

JUST A MOVIE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR JUST A MOVIE: The most diplomatic solution would be for the two of you to agree that certain subjects of conversation should be avoided—this being one of them. And if you can't agree to respect each other's viewing habits without being judgmental, you should find other roommates as soon as your lease is up.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

WANT TO PLAY A GREAT GAME I INVENTED?

OK.

IT'S CALLED "GROSS OUT." YOU SAY THE GROSSEST THING YOU CAN IMAGINE, AND THEN I TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING EVEN GROSSER.

WHOEVER COMES UP WITH THE GROSSEST THING GETS A POINT, AND WE PLAY UNTIL SOMEONE GETS 50 POINTS, OK?

I THINK I ALREADY KNOW WHO'S GOING TO WIN.

IT'S WEIRD. NOBODY HAS EVER PLAYED A WHOLE GAME WITH ME.

By Bill Waterson

Garfield®

WE NOW RETURN TO "CAT HORROR THEATER"

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WAKE UP, FLOFFY!

YAAAAHH

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

DAD, CLAYTON'S HALLOWEEN SOUNDS CD IS DRIVING ME CRAAAAZY.

YEAH?

IT'S CONSTANT ZOMBIE GROANING AND CHOMPING AND SLURPING AND THE MOST HORRIBLE SOUNDS YOU CAN...

MMMM MM HM.

SLRP.

MPH.

DRIP.

NEVER MIND.

SOUNDS AWFUL. I'LL HAVE A-URP-TALK WITH HIM.

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

I FOUND A BUNCH OF MOVIES IN A BOX IN THE ATTIC.

DO YOU WANT TO WATCH A THRILLER, A SUSPENSE, ACTION, COMEDY, OR ROMANCE?

I FEEL LIKE A ROMANCE. DO YOU HAVE "KING KONG"?

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Send forth

5 Astern

8 First person

12 "Peter Pan" dog

13 "Gosh!"

14 Cellar supply

15 Over-simplify

17 Pantry pests

18 In a sneaky way

19 Spikes in voltage

21 Congers

24 Actor Beatty

25 Atlantic catches

28 Oodles

30 Rowing need

33 "Hail, Caesar!"

34 Madrid museum

35 SSW opposite

36 Some coll. degrees

37 Bowling spot

DOWN

1 Termini

2 Man-handle

3 "— humble opinion ..."

4 Bistro furniture

5 Previously

6 Hardly any

7 Till bills

8 Cognizant

9 Doorbell sound

10 Initial chip

11 Disarray

16 Coloring agent

20 "Do — others ..."

22 News reporter

23 Word on the street?

25 Taxi

26 Lab eggs

27 Precinct-based job for a police officer

29 Classic theaters

31 Blackbird

32 Ump

34 Jack Horner's prize

38 Bicycle for two

40 Fills up

42 Fish story

43 Emporium

44 "Peek—!"

45 Dutch cheese

47 Show-room sample

48 Pet food brand

49 "Sad to say ..."

52 Mouths (Lat.)

53 Prohibit

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterdays answer 10-23

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Reynolds, 43; Cat Deeley, 43; Weird Al Yankovic, 60; Dwight Yoakam, 63.

Happy Birthday: Take a moment to map out your upcoming year. Having a plan in mind will help you navigate your way through the ups and downs heading toward you. Preparation will make it easier to control each situation as it unfolds. Confidence will play a role in how successful you are and the type of people you attract. Leave nothing to chance. Your numbers are 9, 12, 21, 27, 33, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't stop until you reach your destination. If you let little things bother or distract you, it will reflect weakness. Size up whatever situation or choice you are faced with, and do what's best for you. Negotiate on your own behalf. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Embrace change to make things happen. Look at your options, and start the ball rolling. Your decisiveness will attract people who want to be a part of whatever it is you are doing. Stand tall, and express your desires. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let someone upset you. It's essential to keep a clear head and to take care of responsibilities, regardless of what others do. Someone will try to mislead you regarding a relationship. Go directly to the source. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make time for pleasure. Getting together with a friend, attending a social event or planning a romantic evening will boost your morale

and prompt you to make positive lifestyle changes. Self-improvement will encourage emotional growth and better health. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't lose sight of your goal. If someone tries to slow you down, make it clear you don't have time. Stay focused on what's important, and surround yourself with helpful people, not hindrances. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider what's working in your life and what isn't, and find a solution that suits your needs. It's up to you to speak up and do what's best for yourself. A change of heart will lead to a better future. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust in your ability to get things done. If you rely on others, they will take the credit and potential offers that could have been yours. Be open, receptive and willing to put in the legwork to reap the rewards. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rid yourself of unnecessary baggage. Tidy up loose ends, and declutter your space. It's time for a new beginning. Stagnation will depreciate any opportunity that comes your way due to dead weight you are dragging around. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Broaden your spectrum. Study, research and participate in events that will help you grow. Watching how others react and respond will be a lesson that will help you master the art of moderation. A subtle change will improve your life. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel somewhere you've never been, and you will discover something that will lead to a new adventure or endeavor. Someone from your past will surface. Proceed with caution. Listen, learn and be moderate in your response. Don't overspend. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Connect with people who share your sentiments. A change someone makes shouldn't end up costing you. Don't buy into someone else's fast-cash scheme. A bad deal can ruin a good relationship. Joint ventures should be avoided. Focus on self-preservation. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in projects that move you. The help you offer will put you in a good position when you want something in return. Contracts can be renegotiated, and better health benefits will encourage you to take care of the physical issues you've neglected. ***

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World Series history not on Nationals' side

HOUSTON—The Washington Nationals had workouts throughout the past week.

They played a simulated game Sunday night before their flight to Houston.

And, man, did they have plenty of rest.

Lots and lots of rest.

The trouble with the Nationals winning the National League pennant over the St. Louis Cardinals that they did it much too fast, a four-game sweep in the NLCS.

They haven't played a game since Oct. 15.

And now, at 8:09 p.m. ET Tuesday at Minute Maid Park, they'll be playing Game 1 of the World Series against the Houston Astros.

"It's a concern," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "How can it not be?"

Indeed, history will tell you that teams with a layoff of six or more days are doomed in the World Series.

Only one of the last eight teams to sweep the LCS since 1985 have gone on to win the World Series.

Just ask former Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland, whose teams twice swept the ALCS, and disappeared each time in the World Series.

They swept the Oakland A's in 2006, had six days off, came into the World Series as heavy favorites over the St. Louis Cardinals, and lost in five games.

They swept the New York Yankees in 2012, had five days off, came into the World Series as favorites over the San Francisco Giants, and were swept.

Now, here comes the Nats, who will be facing Astros co-ace Gerrit Cole on Tuesday, a pitcher who has not lost a game since May 22, going 19-0 with a 1.59 ERA in his last 25 starts.

Talk about a jarring wake-up call.

"I think the biggest thing is the hitting," Leyland told USA TODAY Sports. "It's just so hard to simulate the speed of the game. The layoff is much worse for the hitters than the pitchers. The pitchers can at least simulate, and can throw where ever they are, but the hitters really can't do that."

Those Tigers' teams are living proof.

In 2006, they batted .199 with a .246 on-base percentage and .335 slugging percentage. Why, if not for Sean Casey, who went 9-for-18 with two homers, the Tigers would have hit .160. The heart of their order—Curtis Granderson, Craig Monroe, Magglio Ordonez, Pudge Rodriguez and Placido Polanco—hit .127.

Justin Verlander, who'll start Game 2 for the Astros, re-



AP
Washington Nationals left fielder Juan Soto warms up during batting practice for baseball's World Series Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, in Houston. The Houston Astros face the Washington Nationals in Game 1 on Tuesday.

members it all too vividly.

"We just won too quickly, that time off killed us," Verlander said. "I mean, we had the talent, but when it comes to the playoffs, it's the hottest team at the time. And those layoffs cooled us off. It sucked."

"It's the one sport where time off hurt you because you get completely thrown off your routine."

The Tigers, who worked out at Ford Field because of the cold temperatures in 2006, changed it up in 2012. They brought in players from their instructional league to play simulated games outdoors at Comerica Field, hoping to resemble the real thing.

The Tigers barely showed up against the Giants, hitting .159 with a .243 on-base percentage and .248 slugging percentage. They scored just six runs and had five extra-base hits the entire series. The slugging duo of Prince Fielder and Miguel Cabrera hit .148 (4-27), with one homer and eight

strikeouts.

The star-studded rotation led by Cy Young winner Max Scherzer, Verlander, and ERA leader Anibal Sanchez, couldn't save them.

"You just lose your edge sitting around for a week," Leyland says, "and there's nothing you can do about it. It's not just the players, but the whole organization, the fan base, ev-

everyone is sitting around and loses their edge.

"It's a mental layoff, as much as anything."

"Maybe it's because we weren't expecting to be there in the first place, I don't know, but it cost us."

The Nationals weren't supposed to be here, either, having a dramatic comeback victory in the wild-card game against the Milwaukee Brewers, upsetting the heavily favored Los Angeles Dodgers in five games in the division series, and then sweeping the Cardinals.

By the time they return to Washington, D.C., to play their first game in front of their hometown fans, they will have gone 10 days without seeing them.

"Maybe it'll be different for those guys," said Leyland, "and they'll do a better job with it."

History tells us it will be no different.

The Cardinals just had one day off in 2006 before stunning the Tigers.

The Giants also had just a day off before the start of the 2012 World Series.

The Astros are coming in with two days off, allowing them to perfectly line up their rotation with Cole, Verlander and Zack Greinke.

"To have Cole on full rest going Game 1, and Verlander on full rest Game 2," Astros GM Jeff Luhnow said, "that's exactly what we were looking for."

The last team to win with at least six off-days were the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008, who were off four more days than the Tampa Bay Rays, before winning in five games. The Chicago White Sox had five off-days in 2005, and swept the Astros.

The longest layoff belonged to the Colorado Rockies, who were off eight days in 2007, six longer than the Boston Red Sox, lost Game 1 13-1, and were swept.

"Hey, we've got the oldest team in baseball," Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki said last week. "We need the days off."

And for the Astros?

"To be honest, if we could have won it in four, we'd have loved to," Astros MVP candidate Alex Bregman said. "But this worked out well for us. We still got a little rest, and we're ready. The trouble with getting too many days off is that it ruins your routine."

"We're on a roll. We're ready"

Hot Cole, Astros face Scherzer in opener

HOUSTON (AP)—Gerrit Cole rattles off the names of the pitching greats with ease, featuring the same command he shows with his vaunted four-seam fastball.

Bob Gibson. Tom Seaver. Don Drysdale.

Plus the guys he saw in person as a kid—Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling—when they dominated in October.

Now in the midst of perhaps the most remarkable run in baseball history, it's his turn, starting Game 1 of the World Series.

"The people you keep referring to," Cole said Monday, "got the job done. So I'm trying to deliver on that front."

Because as we all know, heading into Tuesday night's opener between his Houston Astros and the Washington Nationals, this is when reputations are built—or wrecked.

Madison Bumgarner, Orel Hershiser and Pedro Martinez excelled in their first Series starts. So did Clayton Kershaw, although his ledger is more checkered.

Cole enters this matchup against fellow ace Max Scherzer at 19-0 in his last 25 starts, including three wins in the playoffs. No pitcher has ever won 20 in a row in a single season.

"I mean, I've been in the situation, faced really good pitchers here in the National League over the years; Kershaw, (Jacob) deGrom, those guys. You just know you've got to come out there, you're going to be throwing up zeros. And you've got to try to match the intensity from your opponent," Scherzer said.

"And Cole's had a terrific year. So obviously it's going to one heck of a challenge."

Cole led the majors in strikeouts, topped the AL in ERA and finished second in the big leagues to teammate Justin Verlander in wins.

"When you dream as a little kid, you dream about storybook endings and storybook players and scenarios like that," Cole said.

In the old days of baseball—like, three or four years

ago—this is about the time someone would step up and say, well, he's due for a loss.

Got to be, right?

NLCS MVP Howie Kendrick chuckled at that notion.

"I faced him in the past, but what he's been doing the past few years has been phenomenal since he came over to the Astros. It's like he's found his stride," said Kendrick, who will be Washington's designated hitter in Game 1.

"I've been watching him throughout the postseason. His stuff's electric, everybody knows that," he said.

Fusing his talent with the Astros' fortified analytics approach, Cole has found what works best for him. Among the results with his four-seamer, curve and slider: Nearly 17 percent of his pitches result in a swing-and-miss, the highest rate of anyone since such data has been tracked in the last 18 years.

NL MVP candidate Anthony Rendon is among the few hitters who've managed some success against Cole, going 5



Lakers, Clippers clash in season opener



LOS ANGELES—A matchup of potential NBA title contenders tips off Tuesday night when the Los Angeles Clippers host the Los Angeles Lakers in a season-opening clash.

The two teams, who made some of the league's most significant changes this off-season, play the first of four regular-season meetings.

The Clippers added Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, who led the Toronto Raptors to their first championship, and All-Star forward Paul George, acquired in a trade with the Oklahoma City Thunder, to bolster an already loaded roster. The results leave the Clippers among the favorites to capture their first NBA crown.

"We still have to find a rhythm with each other playing together, but I think we're going to do well," Leonard

said. "That's my mindset on it. Come out and win ballgames."

The Clippers will play Tuesday without George, who is recovering from off-season shoulder surgeries and is not expected to return until November. However, they should have more than enough firepower to compensate for George's absence with guards Patrick Beverley, Lou Williams and Landry Shamet and center Montrezl Harrell returning. Those four were among the key contributors to the Clippers' playoff appearance last season before the Golden State Warriors eliminated them in the opening round.

The Lakers also expect to contend with the addition of All-Star center/forward Anthony Davis via an offseason trade with the New Orleans Pelicans. Davis joins a team that features LeBron James, Kyle Kuzma and a retooled roster.

The addition of Davis, a

Zion out 6 to 8 weeks after knee surgery

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Zion Williamson will miss the start of the season after the No. 1 overall draft pick by the New Orleans Pelicans had right knee surgery, sidelining the hyped rookie for nearly two months.

Williamson had his torn right lateral meniscus repaired on Monday. The club says his recovery will last six to eight weeks.

The 6-foot-6, 285-pound former Duke star averaged 23.2 points in four preseason games. He missed New Orleans' final exhibition game in New York last Friday night.

The 19-year-old Williamson turned pro after one season in college, during which he averaged 22.6 points and was voted to the Atlantic Coast Conference's All-Defensive Team. He also averaged 8.9 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 1.8 blocked shots.

He was projected to start immediately at forward for New Orleans, alongside guards Lonzo Ball and Jrue Holiday, forward Brandon Ingram and center Derrick Favors.

While it remains to be seen how coach Alvin Gentry will change his rotation in Williamson's absence, it appears 6-foot-9, 235-pound forward Nicolo Melli of Italy could be in line for more playing time.

Melli, who was acquired in the offseason, averaged 8.4 points and 5.4 rebounds this season.

Brown signs \$115M extension with Boston

In Boston, the Celtics have signed forward Jaylen Brown

to a contract extension, beating a Monday deadline to extend the player who has emerged as a key part of the team's future.

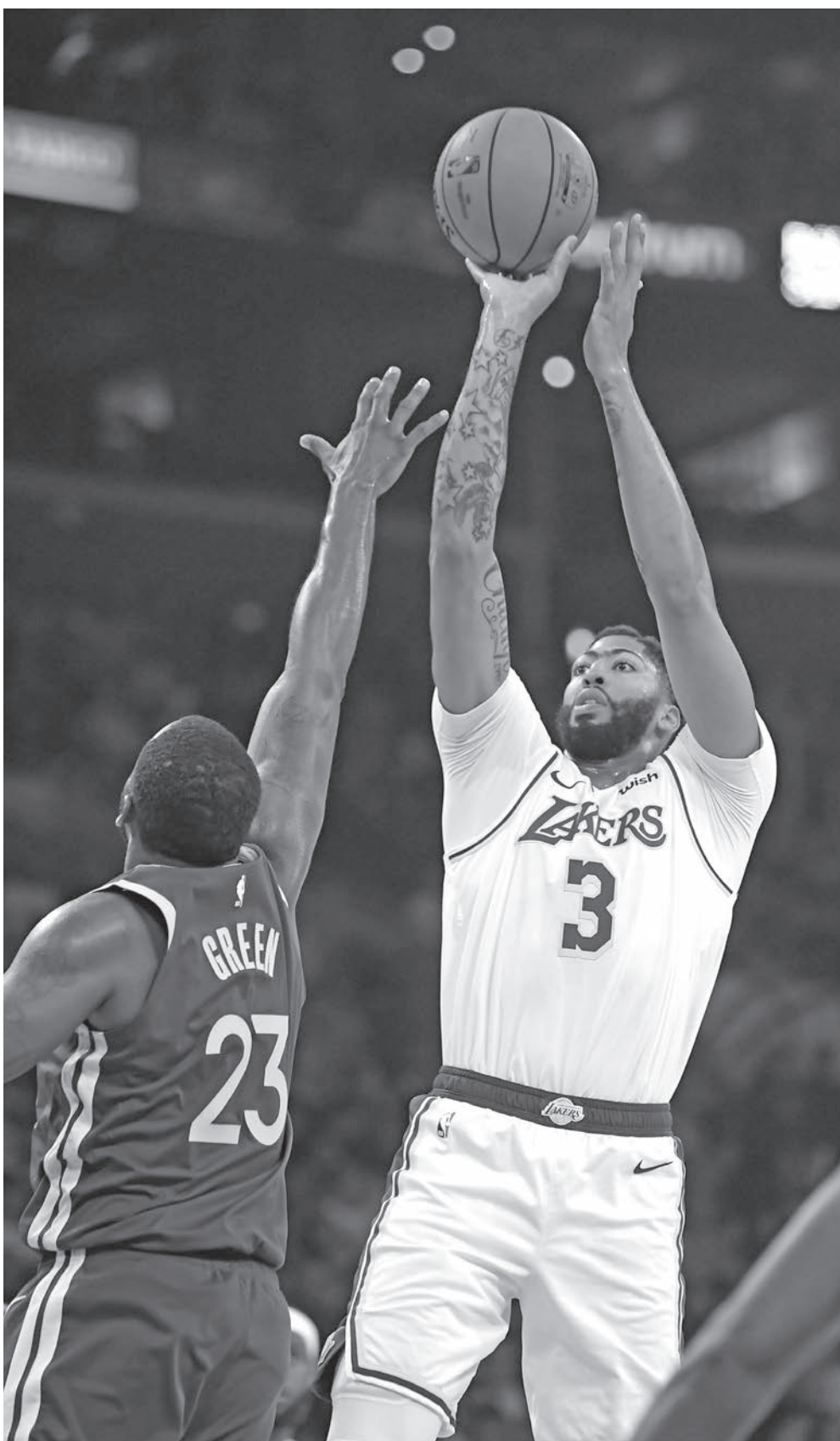
The four-year deal could pay Brown as much as \$115 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The total includes incentives, according to the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because terms of the deal were not announced.

"Jaylen has made tremendous strides over the last three years and has become a fantastic player for us on both ends of the court," said Danny Ainge, the team's president of basketball operations.

"He's a great person and hard worker who, at 22 years old, can score and defend against the best players in the NBA," Ainge said. "Jaylen is a true professional who did a great job accepting his role last season, and he is a major part of our championship goals."

The third overall pick in the 2016 draft, Brown averaged 14.5 points and almost five rebounds in his second year, when he was 21 and the Celtics finished second in the East and took the LeBron James-led Cavaliers to seven games in the conference finals.

But last year, Brown averaged 13 points and closer to four rebounds as the Celtics were eliminated in the second round by the Milwaukee Bucks. Since then, Al Horford and Kyrie Irving have opted out of their contracts, and Kemba Walker was signed as Ainge tries to rebuild without further dropoff.



AP
Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis, right, shoots as Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green defends during the first half of a preseason NBA game Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Jam 2 cast because the filming took place during the summer.

"I just want to play basketball," said the 26-year-old Davis. "I have plenty of time in my career later on or after I retire to do that stuff. But right now, I'm just focused on basketball and trying to be the best basketball player I can be."

So far, so good. Partly because of Davis, the Lakers enter the 2019-20 NBA season feeling optimistic they can finally return to the playoffs for the first time since 2013 and hoist their first championship trophy since 2010.

"He's just so special in the league with how he can guard the rim and on the perimeter equally as good," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "With just his touch, shot-making and how easily the game comes to him, you don't have to force-feed touches to him. He finds them because of his skill set."

To maximize that skill set, Davis said he has no aspirations to spend any of this season expanding his business portfolio here. He already has lived in Los Angeles each off-season during his seven-year NBA career with the Pelicans. Therefore, Davis did not sound too interested in exploring where his new favorite restaurants and hangout spots will be. Instead, he sounded more consumed with determining the best routes on his drive to the Lakers' practice facility and to Staples Center.

"I'm just leaving as early as possible," Davis said. "Give yourself ample time to make sure you need to be where you're at."

Davis did not figure out the traffic patterns well enough to arrive early for the team's media day last month. But he'll give himself plenty of time for the Lakers' season opener against the Los Angeles Clippers in a designated road game at Staples Center.

"There will be some butterflies and just being nervous," Davis said.

And why not? The Lakers traded several pieces for their long-term future, including Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart and a handful of draft picks, in hopes that Davis would like to stay here long term. James, who is entering his 17th season, has publicly vouched for Davis since the middle of last season.

six-time All-Star, is expected to boost the team's fortunes after the Lakers finished a disappointing 37-45 and failed to qualify for the postseason for the sixth season in a row. Health will be the foremost concern for Davis, who averaged 25.9 points, 12.0 rebounds and 3.9 assists in 56 starts last season with the Pelicans.

Staying healthy will also be crucial for James. He missed a career-high 27 games last season with a groin injury. Still, the 34-year-old superstar averaged 27.4 points, 8.5 rebounds and 8.3 assists per game.

"Opening night is great. For me, it's like the first day of school," James said. "I mean, I love to play the game and I obviously had the longest layoff of my career, so to be where I'm at physically (and) mentally no matter who we open up against ... Tuesday (will be) a great day."

Kuzma won't play in the season opener. The third-year pro, who averaged 18.7 points and 5.5 rebounds last season and is considered pivotal in the Lakers' success, has been sidelined for the entire pre-season with a stress reaction in his left foot. His return date is unknown.

Both clubs believe they will be improved by additional newcomers. Guard Danny Green, who contributed to the Raptors' title run with Leonard, and Quinn Cook will be relied upon to boost the Lakers' 3-point shooting. Green and guard Avery Bradley are also expected to deliver a stronger presence on perimeter defense.

Eight-time All-Star center Dwight Howard, limited to nine games because of injuries last season with the Washington Wizards, is expected to contribute off the

Lakers' bench.

The Clippers also added to their reserve unit, picking up forwards Maurice Harkless and Patrick Patterson.

Meanwhile, before he wore a Los Angeles Lakers uniform, Davis already fulfilled a childhood dream.

He filmed Space Jam 2 this summer, which gave him an early glimpse of what it is like to work with LeBron James. Davis also gained more perspective on the time and work it takes to perfect something.

"That was definitely frustrating — the 'hurry-up-and-wait.' You're just there waiting around to shoot your scene," Davis said. "But just seeing the way they take everything seriously and how perfect they want everything to be, it was cool. I've never been on set for that much time. I think it was a cool experience."

Davis only joined the Space

Pats blitz Darnold, Jets to remain undefeated



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

(A P) — Tom Brady set the tone and the New England Patriots' blitz-happy defense took over from there.

Bill Belichick's bunch is still undefeated after another absolutely dominant performance.

Brady threw a TD pass to Phillip Dorsett, Sony Michel ran for three scores and New England forced Sam Darnold into five turnovers while cruising to a 33-0 victory over the New York Jets on Monday night.

"We were able to make some plays early in the game," Belichick said, "and play pretty solid for 60 minutes."

The Patriots improved to 7-0 for the third time in franchise history, and first since 2015. They also swept the two-game season series against their AFC East rivals for the fourth straight year, outscoring the Jets (1-5) 63-14 in the two meetings this year.

And, the top-ranked Patriots defense was a big reason in this one.

"They're just playing great football," Brady said. "They cover the rush. They stop the run. Make critical plays. It's awesome to watch."

Darnold was the AFC offensive player of the week after leading New York to a 24-22 win over Dallas last Sunday in his return from missing three games with mononucleosis.

He was miserable against New England, finishing 11 of 32 for 86 yards and a 3.6 quarterback rating. ESPN had Darnold wear a microphone during the game, and he was caught on the sideline saying, "I'm seeing ghosts" at one point.

"It was a rough night out there," Darnold said. "And



obviously, I've got to be better and learn from the mistakes, but we will get better."

Belichick blitzed Darnold often, giving the second-year quarterback little time and forcing him into bad—and often ugly—throws. Devin McCourty, Duron Harmon, Stephon Gilmore and Terrence Brooks all had interceptions. Darnold also lost a fumble on a sack, and later knocked an errant snap out of the back of

the end zone for a safety.

"I don't know, man," a smiling McCourty said when asked if there were "ghosts" on the field. "We were just locked in tonight as a defensive unit. When you get a lot of time to prepare for a game, you start going over everything over and over again. I think it showed for us tonight as a defensive unit."

Brady was 31 of 45 for 249 yards with a TD and an inter-

ception before leaving with 2:55 left to chants of "Brady! Brady!" from the Patriots fans who stayed until the end at MetLife Stadium.

They watched New England take total control from the beginning.

Michel's 3-yard touchdown run capped an efficient drive by Brady to open the game. The Patriots went 16 plays and 78 yards while eating up 8:47, and converted four third downs

along the way. The last came on third-and-2 when Brady pitched it to Michel, who easily zipped into the end zone.

"Our guys were ready to go today," Belichick said. "We got off to a good start. That was a great opening drive. It took up most of the first quarter."

New England made it 10-0 a few minutes later after McCourty intercepted Darnold's first pass of the game, coming on the Jets' second

AP
New York Jets' Trumaine Johnson (22) tackles New England Patriots' Benjamin Watson (84) during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, in East Rutherford, N.J.

play from scrimmage. New England turned the turnover into a 34-yard field goal by Mike Nugent.

After the Jets went three-and-out, Brady went back to work. On fourth-and-6 from the 35, Belichick opted to leave the offense on the field instead of having Nugent try for a 53-yard field goal.

And, it paid off.

Brady connected with Ben Watson for 7 yards to extend the drive. After a 2-yard run by Michel, Brady threw a perfectly placed ball to Dorsett, who caught the pass over Trumaine Johnson in the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown.

"We had good balance," Brady said.

New England took advantage of another turnover by Darnold on the Jets' next drive when John Simon popped the ball out of the quarterback's hand for a strip-sack and Kyle Van Noy recovered. The Patriots linebacker ran 39 yards for what was initially called a touchdown, but officials then ruled he was down.

Four plays later, it appeared James White had a 4-yard touchdown run, but it was wiped out by an illegal block in the back penalty on Julian Edelman. Brady's pass to Jakobi Meyers fell incomplete on third-and-goal from the 3, but Brian Poole was called for defensive holding. Michel ran it in from the 1 three plays later to make it 24-0 with 9:18 left in the first half.

The first 30 names for the 2019 Ballon d'Or have been released. There are some usuals, some surprises, and some head-scratchers.

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo both headline the list as expected, as the two share eleven previous awards between them. Behind them are young stars Kylian Mbappe, Frenkie de Jong, and Matthijs de Ligt, with the latter two having made the Champions League semifinals with Ajax. Another pair of Ajax players also make an appearance as Donny van de Beek and Dusan Tadic impressed in that European run.

The goalkeepers on the list are somewhat contentious. Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson rightly appears, having led the Reds to new heights since joining in the summer of 2017. Tottenham netminder Hugo Lloris also shows up, a curious selection given his down

Ronaldo, Messi lead Ballon d'Or nominees

form for Spurs the last two or three years. In fact, Lloris has made the most errors leading directly to goals of any Premier League player in the past three seasons, according to Opta. Alongside those two is Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen who has locked down the starting spot at the Camp Nou each of the last four years.

Other Premier League players on the list include whopping six more Liverpool players in Mohamed Salah, Virgil Van Dijk, Sadio Mane, Georginio Wijnaldum, Roberto Firmino, and Trent Alexander-Arnold plus Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Manchester City's five attackers in Sergio Aguero, Kevin De Bruyne, Bernardo Silva, Raheem Sterling, and Riyad Mahrez.

The most glaring absentee left off the list is Paris Saint-

Germain attacker Neymar, who spent much of the year injured or suspended but when on the field put up video game numbers. Considering that France Football hands out the award, his exclusion seems to have a hint of troll to it. Luka Modric, the reigning winner, was also left off the list after struggling over the past year with Real Madrid. Others left off include Paul Pogba, Harry Kane, and N'Golo Kante.

The names on the list seem to heavily favor last year's Champions League. Players like Tadic, Wijnaldum, and Lloris, for example, are excellent players but would be difficult to argue they deserve a spot in the top 30 players in the world. Meanwhile, players like Neymar, Kane, Lautaro Martinez, Sergio Ramos, Joshua Kimmich, Miralem Pjanic,

Angel di Maria, Raul Jimenez, and countless others who either departed the competition early or didn't appear altogether were an afterthought.

The winner will be announced December 2.

Not ready for retirement

In Italy, Ronaldo reassured Juventus supporters and his legions of fans worldwide that at 34 he's not ready for retirement yet.



"Age is just a number. It does not mean that at 34, 35, 36 you are at the end of your career," Ronaldo said at a news conference ahead of Juventus' Champions League match against Lokomotiv Moscow on Tuesday. "I can show that with my performances, how I play, the way I play, the way I still feel good, sharp, thinking

about the game, more mature. This makes the difference."

In the second season of a four-year deal at Juventus, Ronaldo had sparked concern among his fans when he said in an interview published a few weeks ago that he was starting to enjoy seeing himself "outside of football, so who knows what will happen in the next year or two?"

Ronaldo recently scored his 700th goal as a professional while on international duty with Portugal and has been nominated for a record sixth Ballon d'Or award—which would break his tie of five with Messi.

But Ronaldo said he's more interested in winning a treble with Juventus.

"We want to win Serie A, we want to win the Cup, the Champions League," he said. "Juventus should think big. ... We are going to try to win

all the trophies, we know it will be difficult, especially the league and the Champions League, but I think it is possible. Everything is possible.

"In terms of individual, I have nothing to say as this is individual. It is not the most important thing," Ronaldo added. "The most important is the collective awards. If you win the collective awards you have more chance to win the individual awards. ... The Golden Ball is for me in second place."

While retirement may not be on Ronaldo's mind yet, family time is a big part of his life now.

"To win games, to score goals, to enjoy myself, to arrive home and see my kids happy and say, 'Congratulations daddy for scoring a goal.' That makes me happy," he said. "This is my motivation to come to train, for the games, to entertain people and the fans with my passion."

Black Panther, The As' Guardians in semis

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The Black Panther and The As' Guardians marched into the winners bracket semifinals of the Avengers Volleyball League after beating their respective opponents last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Black Panther was paired against We Are Groot and needed three sets to prevail and move one win away from making it to the finals. The Black Panther took the first set, 25-17, while We Are Groot averted an early loss after stealing the second, 25-14. In the deciding third set, the Black Panther triumphed in a close match, 15-12, to set up a duel with The As' Guardians for the first finals berth in the double-elimination playoffs.

The As' Guardians also earned a tough victory against Ol'Aces, coming out on top in the first set, 27-25, but missing the sweep when the latter eked out a 26-24 win in the second. Then in the third set, the match was won by only two points anew with The As' Guardians



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The As' Guardians players pose for a photo before seeing action in the Avengers Volleyball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

pulling off a 16-14 victory.

The Black Panther and The As' Guardians will dispute the first finals ticket tonight at 8pm with the winner not only moving into the title game, but also having a twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round.

Meanwhile, the Ol'Aces and We Are Groot dropped to the losers bracket and must

beat their respective foes to remain in contention. The Ol'Aces will face Iron Spike tonight, while We Are Groot will take on Straight Outta Knowhere.

Iron Spike is still in the race following its victory in three sets against The Revenger's. Iron Spike got the better of its opponent in the first set, 25-23, before losing the second

set, 23-25. A 15-11 triumph in the third set kept Iron Spike in the tournament and eliminated

The Revengers.

In other results in the losers bracket, Straight Out-

ta Knowhere ousted the D'Challengers after recording a sweep, 25-14, 25-16.

Aqua Resort tops AK Toyota

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Aqua Resort Club got win No. 3 in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League after outclassing AK Toyota, 96-83, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Aqua Resort built a sizeable lead in the second quarter and survived Toyota's third-quarter rally to improve to a 3-4 record for sixth place in the team standings. Toyota dropped to a 2-3 mark and No. 8 in the ladder after absorbing its fourth straight defeat.

Already ahead by double digits at the end of the first period, 33-23, Aqua Resort kept going in the second frame to take a 61-45 advantage at halftime. Arnold Arellano and Mark Ferrer teamed up in Aqua Resort's strong first-half showing with the former scoring 18 points and the latter exploding for 22. Greg Deleon Guerrero also had double figures in the first half with his 10 markers.

Ferrer and Arellano still led Aqua Resort at the start of the second half, but did not hit multiple baskets just like what they did in the first, allowing Toyota to cut the deficit to single digit, 71-79.

Kelvin Fitial, Alvin Pantola, and Rodney Catalla joined forces, as they attempted to bring Toyota back in the game and had some success, as they moved their squad within 8, going into the fourth quarter. Fitial registered 9 points in the third period, while Pantola added 8, and Catalla drilled



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Aqua Resort Club's Frank Ferrer, left, stretches for a reverse layup, while his teammate Khristian Itaas steps in during a fast-break play in their earlier match against The Game in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

two triples to keep Aqua Resort within striking distance.

However, Toyota failed to complete its comeback bid in the fourth canto, as

Fitial and company gassed out. Fitial was held to one field goal, while Pantola was the only Toyota player to knock in more than one basket in the final canto.

Aqua Resort, on the other hand, drew 9 points from Ferrer to widen the gap anew in the fourth frame en route to the

squad's 13-point winning margin.

Ferrer finished the match with 38 points, while Arellano chipped in 31. Fitial led Toyota with his 29 markers.

Aqua Resort 96—Ferrer 38, Arellano 31, Deleon Guerrero 12, Maratita 10, Metran 2, Salazar 2, Mendiola 1.

AK Toyota 83—Fitial 29, Pantola 18, Guilas 13, De Guzman 10, Catalla 9, Francia 2, Castillo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 33-23, 61-45, 79-71, 96-83

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cided by only one goal.

Gabriel Arkoh Jr. drilled the game winner in the 75th minute, three minutes after Irish Pagarao made the equalizer for Shirley's.

Arkoh delivered two goals for Matansa, as he earlier hit the board in the 61st minute, while the team's two other goals were courtesy of Papal Sikdar and Lar Wongpaya.

Dhiraj Chhetri and Hoin Ryu posted the two other goals for Shirley's, which re-

M-League Standings (As of Oct. 21, 2019)

Division A	TEAMS	W	D	L	PTS	GA	GA	GD
	All Blue	3	0	0	9	12	2	10
	TanHoldings	2	0	1	6	7	8	-1
	Paire	2	0	2	6	13	10	3
	KFAS	1	0	2	3	5	12	-7
	Old B Bank	0	0	3	0	2	7	-5
Division B	TEAMS	W	D	L	PTS	GA	GA	GD
	Island Star	3	0	0	9	13	4	9
	Shirley's	2	0	2	6	15	11	4
	Kanoa	1	0	1	3	6	9	-3
	Matansa	1	0	2	3	8	11	-3
	WNT	0	0	2	0	3	10	-7

mained in second place with its 2-0-2 slate. Matansa is at fourth place after getting its

first win of the season following two fruitless attempts.

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ners and Song of SIS was the second CNMI bet to make it to the All-Island Team after Tania Tan joined the elite selection in last year's event in Guam.

Kuu Nishimura, also from SIS, was the second fastest finisher among Team Marianas runners after checking in at 19:44, and was followed by Agape's Kobe Yang (20:16), SIS' Sam Culp (20:20), and Zhijie Cao (20:54). Other Team Marianas finishers in the boys division were Agape's Xinshi Liang (21:01), Shan Haozhe (21:28), Teng Zhang (21:56), and Yutian Lou (22:02), and SIS' John Paul Sablan (22:21), Robbie Schorr (23:04), Charles McDonald (23:08), and Paul Xiong (25:17).

American School in Japan's

Take Zoot topped the race after clocking in at 16:51.

In the women's 5K, SIS' Anika Snyder posted the best time among Team Marianas runners, as she made it to the finish line at the 23:05 mark. SIS had a 1-2-3 finish for Team Marianas as Tiana Cabrera and Malika Miyawaki timed in at 23:34 and 25:12, respectively.

Agape's Emma Pang posted the third best time for Team Marianas at 24:38, but she was listed as an unofficial runner, as the eighth grader was under the minimum age (should be 14 and up and in at least ninth grade). Agape's Eunice Xu (25:36), Alice Yang (25:58), Jiamei Xu (26:11), Nancy Han (26:28), Shi Yihong (26:54), and Vivian Wu (27:07), and SIS' Jinju Thompson (28:40) rounded out the Team Marian-

as finishers. Marina Ten Have of ASIJ was the overall winner in the women's field that drew about 90 runners, as she completed the race in 20:19.

Third overall

Team Marianas, which is coached by SIS' Ron Snyder and Agape's Pastor Kok Pang, made it to the competition through the help of Northern Marianas Athletics, finished third overall after the results in the girls and boys relays held yesterday were counted.

Team Marianas joined St. Mary's/Seisen, and Christian Academy in Japan in the Top 3 after surviving the tough race conditions during the relay.

"The cold rain killed us. Several teams cancelled today with the bad weather, but us, we all ran. Even the unofficial runners braved the rain and

slogged through the mud. Ken, Kobe, Malika, and Anika as graduating seniors and repeat API athletes ran the batons in and were totally amazing. They blasted through the course. On the first lap, Anika overtook five teams," said Snyder, who mentioned the notable performances of Agape and SIS runners in both the individual and relay races.

"Emma Pang from ACS had to run unofficially since she is in Grade 8, but is a great up and coming runner and will be one of the top CNMI U18 runners next year with Tiana Cabrera from SIS. Kuu Nishimura was a tough competitor this year. He improved over two and a half minutes from last year, he'll be All-Island next year," Snyder added.

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points, turning a 47-52 deficit at the end of the third period to a 7-point winning margin.

Eman Cobacha led Triple J's comeback in the final canto after making 11 points, 9 of them came from the 3-point area. Cobacha nearly matched the output (12) of the entire CUC crew, as he registered 11 of Triple's J's last 12 markers. Kenji Abobo added 6 markers and Perry Inos' had 4 to back up Cobacha in the fourth period.

Cobacha finished with a game-high 31 points, while Abobo and Inos also had double figures, registering 14 and 13, respectively.

Cobacha waxed hot early, as he tallied 12 points in the first quarter to hand Triple J a 24-18 lead.

However, Triple J lost the upper hand in the second canto when Eugene Manglona and John Nekaifes combined for 17 points for CUC and lifted their team to a 39-37 halftime edge. CUC then stretched the advantage to 5 in the third canto with Manglona firing 10 of his 27 points in the penultimate frame.

Cobacha, who had 18 points in the first half, was held to one field goal in the third frame before redeeming himself in the fourth to help Triple J steal the lead and the victory from CUC.

Triple J 71—Cobacha 31, Abobo 14, Inos 13, Mamaril 5, Fernandez 4, Geli 2, Jarabe 2.

CUC 64—Manglona 27, Nekaifes 13, Dionisio 8, Travis 6, Taisacan 4, Pestillos 2, Santos 2, Carlson 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-18, 37-39, 47-52, 71-64.

All-Island honors for Song



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Ken Song, ninth left back row, poses with his fellow Saipan International School runners and Agape Christian School students after they represented Team Marianas in the 5K event of the 2019 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross-Country Championships in Japan last Monday.

Triple J defeats CUC

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Triple J edged out Commonwealth Utilities Corp., 71-64, in their match in the 2018 JP World

Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Triple J managed to run off with the victory in the fourth quarter, as it scored 24

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Triple J's Jeremy Sager, center, tries to block the shot of Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s John Nekaifes during the second quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Another Team Marianas runner earned All-Island Team honors, as Ken Song made it to the Top 15 overall finishers list in the 5K race of the 2019 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross-Country Championships last Monday in Japan.

Song completed the race at the Urayasushi Sogo Koen in Tokyo in 18:23.2 for the No. 12 spot overall in the boys division, which featured nearly 100 runners from Japan, Guam, and the CNMI.



The Commonwealth squad or Team Marianas was represented in the competition by Saipan International School and Agape Christian School runners.

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KFAS shuts down Old B Bank



Korean Football Association on Saipan barged into the win column after blanking the Old B Bank, 3-0, in the Division A game in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Three different players scored for KFAS with Ban-seok Kim drawing first blood in the 18th minute and Jyun Jun Roh and Hwapyoung Kim finding their targets in the 47th and 75th, respectively.

With the victory, KFAS moved out of the cellar in the team standings, while the Old B Bank remained at the bottom after dropping its third game in as many matches.

All Blue 7, KFAS 0

All Blue is still on top of the rankings in Division A af-



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Korean Football Association on Saipan's Junsik Kim, left, kicks the ball in front of the defense of the Old B Bank's Kosuke Sato during the first half of their Division A game in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

ter cruising past KFAS last Thursday.

Kohtaro Goto had a pair of goals for All Blue, which now

has a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record. Goto scored in the 37th and 77th minute. Sebastian Manabat, Taka Borja, Joshua

Deloen Guerrero, Skyler Poon, and John Michael Rojas added one goal apiece in All Blue's lopsided victory.

TanHoldings 4, Paire 3

Behind All Blue is TanHoldings, which improved to a 2-0-1 slate after edging Paire last Sunday.

An own goal in the 88th minute lifted TanHoldings to the close win. Mark Esalan recorded TanHoldings' three goals, as he lit up the board in the 18th, 20th, and 30th minute.

Paire, on the other hand, drew one goal each from Alan Gudino, Danny Agulto, and Chris Nelson.

DIVISION B Matansa 4, Shirley's 3

The lone Division B match last weekend was also de-

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